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Matthew Murphy

An End To Elections

By RYAN HAMM
News Editor

The vote is in, again. Sophomore Ka Shim won the Student Government Association's second presidential election this month after having his original win contested by opponent junior Kristy Bartle.

The election was held last Thursday in the Woodard Campus Center along with the elections for Class Council, Judicial Review Board, Honor Council and the Association of Residence Halls.

Shim received 413 out of a total 880 votes cast, defeating Bartle by only 40 votes.

In the original election, which Bartle contested based on campaigning violations she felt Shim made on election day, a similar margin resulted. "I figured it was going to be a tough election so I went all out with campaigning this time," Shim said. "I'm glad the outcome went in my favor."

Bartle's contest was based on Shim wearing a yellow M&M costume in the campus center on election day. The Student Government Rules and Procedures Committee viewed the M&M duds as campaign material.

Bartle said she feels that although she did not win the second time around, she still accomplished much with her campaign. "I met a lot of wonderful people and really learned a lot about student concerns and what students want out of SGA," Bartle said. "I hope that over the next year students will start to see everything SGA can do for them."



Sophomore Paige Golden and freshman Matt Kapuscinski won positions in last week's Class Council elections.

Despite her loss, Bartle plans to stay involved with SGA next year.

"I plan to stay involved because SGA can make a difference and I believe in what I believe in and it is what I love to do, so I am not going to give it up," Bartle said.

Junior Janna Covitz, who also ran in the presidential election, came in third in both elections, the second time

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Students Claim Police Officer Used Excessive Force At Underground

By JORDY KEITH
News Editor

Two students were ejected from the Catch 22 concert at the Underground last Thursday, after an officer used what some students are calling excessive force.

According to sophomore Rob Brown, a Giant Productions member, three or four audience members started jumping up and down in front of the stage during the ska band's second song. Brown said a Mary Washington College police officer that was working the event ran through the crowd and forcefully grabbed one of the jumping men.

Mary Washington College police officer Sergeant Robert Murphy was the officer on duty for the event.

He said that no unjust force was used during the event, and that he did not threaten to arrest anybody.

"As long as I have worked here, the college's policy has been that there is to be no slam dancing or moshing," Sgt. Murphy said.

Sophomore Giant member Matthew Murphy said he saw the officer grab the audience member, whom he said was not dancing roughly.

"Some of the guys had some sideways motion, but it was nothing violent," Murphy said.

According to Brown and Matthew Murphy, the officer pushed four people out of the way to get to the dancing

audience members. Brown and Matthew Murphy said the officer then grabbed one of the dancers and twisted the individual's arm behind his back. Brown said the individual was begging the officer to stop as he was dragged out of the Underground.

Brown, who was positioned in front of the stage at the beginning of the incident, said he followed the officer and the ejected individual outside, where he said he watched the officer yell at the man.

"[The officer] was pointing his finger in the guy's face and he said 'If you don't get out of here right now I'm going to arrest you,'" Brown said.

Following the incident, the ejected audience member left.

Sgt. Murphy said that when Catch 22

could not be reached for comment.

Brown said that after the first incident took place, he witnessed another crowd member becoming rowdy. Brown said he put his arms around the individual and told him he needed to calm down because the police were getting upset. According to Brown, the individual was not dancing inappropriately when the officer grabbed the individual and ejected him from the concert as well.

Sgt. Murphy, however, said ejected the individual from the concert because he witnessed the individual being uncooperative with Brown.

"My concern was the safety of the students," Sgt. Murphy said. "I told the ejected individuals that I wasn't considering pressing charges and that they were not under arrest. Once the people were ejected, the event settled down and the rest of the night went great."

Matthew Murphy said he feels that the situation could have been handled differently.

According to Mary Washington College Police Chief Stanley Beger, Sgt. Murphy was the only officer on duty for the concert, but a hired security guard was also present. Beger said that people are not often thrown out of campus events, and that Sgt. Murphy followed college policy in ejecting the individuals.

"He used his prerogative as a police officer and a member of the Mary Washington staff by having them ejected from the concert," Beger said.



took the stage, three to six people formed a circle in the middle of the dance floor and began slam dancing. The audience members near the circle began to back off. "It looked like they'd be hurt, so I stepped in," Sgt. Murphy said.

According to Sgt. Murphy, after the first incident, he spoke to a Giant manager who admitted that Giant should have had signs posted to inform the crowd that slam dancing and moshing were prohibited. The manager then had the band announce this policy.

The two co-chairs of Giant, junior Jamie Darcy and senior Rachel Scarr,

Combs Budget Loses \$1 Million

By ANGELA HAUGHNEY
Staff Writer

If Mary Washington College does not receive \$1 million in contingency fees from the state, a newly renovated Combs Hall will be without furniture at the start of the 2001-2002 school year.

Gov. Jim Gilmore recently declared that all construction money in the state that was not currently under contract will go to pay for his car tax cut. Because the Combs Hall

renovation was already under contract with Haley Builders of Ashland, Va., the college still has the \$4 million needed to complete the project. However, the \$1 million in contingency fees that was set aside to pay for furniture, infrastructure, utilities and safety testing was not under contract.

The college is currently awaiting a response from the state to its appeal that the \$1 million be restored.

Approximately \$600,000, the largest share of the \$1 million, was set aside for furnishings and equipment. Administrators

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H2O Woes

By JORDY KEITH
News Editor

Around 8 a.m. Tues. morning, a car accidentally hit a fire hydrant on the corner of College Avenue and William Street. The accident forced the campus to lose water pressure for a few hours.

The damage occurred to the water pipe within the hydrant. The City Public Works Department turned off the isolation valve, according to John Willemuth, assistant vice president for facilities services.

In addition to a temporary loss of water pressure, some buildings on campus also experienced a discoloration of water, especially on the south end of campus.

Debate Team Wins National Honor

By JASON PRICE
Assistant Viewpoints Editor

The Mary Washington College debate team, now in its 16th year, won its first ever national championship this month.

The team took the national title in the novice division at the American Debate Association's national tournament held at Clarion University, Pa. on March 16 to 18. The two champion teams consisted of freshmen John Nagy, Carly Woods, Michael Hagan and Hazel Uhlenhopp. The division is intended for students participating in their first year of intercollegiate debate.

Woods, who also won a fourth place speaker award in the novice division, said that the teams' hard work this year paid off in the end.

"Closing out the tournament was an extraordinary feat for the debate team," Woods said. "It was wondrous to have the satisfaction of winning nationals after

working so hard all year to research the topic."

The debate team squared off against James Madison University, Catholic University, Miami University of Ohio, West Virginia University, Liberty University, Methodist University and Boston College along their way to the national championship.

Timothy O'Donnell, assistant professor of speech and the debate coach, said he is proud of everyone's contributions and dedication this year.

"It's the pleasure in seeing a student set a goal, reach for it with everything they have, and then smile with satisfaction knowing that they did everything they possibly could in their efforts to reach their goal," he said.

While most students were

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Carly Woods, Mike Hagan, John Nagy and Hazel Uhlenhopp share the debate team's national award.

Students Register For Classes Online

By KRISTEN MANGUS
Assistant News Editor

On Sunday, March 25 small groups of students sat in a classroom of Monroe Hall munching on pizza and slurping down soda, kicking off the first pilot test program of Mary Washington College's Web-based student course registration system.

According to Dana Abbott, director of systems development for Computer and Network Services, invitations were sent to 120 students with the highest number of accumulated college credits. Abbott is the team leader for the project, which is temporarily named InLink after the software program that is the basis for the system.

"These are the students who had the earliest appointment times to begin with," Abbott said.

The pilot program included the Sunday training session to ensure students understood how to use the system and were able to navigate around possible problems that

might have arisen. Starting on March 26, participating students were able to register for classes electronically over the Web during a three day period ending Wednesday afternoon.

Many students who chose to participate in the pilot group said the Web-based program is a better way to register for classes.

"It's a whole lot easier than getting up at 7 a.m. and standing in line until 8 or 9 a.m.," junior Matt Hoell said. "Registering over the Web, it's just a matter of getting on my computer, almost at my leisure, and registering for my classes."

Junior Valerie Soldatow was also glad for the opportunity to participate in the Web registration project.

"I thought it sounded really good. The past three years I've always had a problem with registration, just getting the classes I wanted and fitting them into my schedule," Soldatow said. "I also think it's really important

that Mary Washington gets Web registration started, it's just a lot easier."

Participants were each given a Web registration time and a passport number. Once they were logged into the program, students



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Dana Abbott explains the new online registration system to 150 students. ▼ see ONLINE, page 2

Lucky Few Skip Lines And Register Via Computer

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were given an hour to register. Each session lasts only an hour, but after the passport is activated the student could re-enter the program at any time without limitations on the number of visits to the program.

John Morello, assistant vice president for academic affairs, is enthusiastic about implementing the program.

"I think it's the wave of the future. A lot of schools are doing this," he said. "It's no secret a lot of students don't like standing in line and all the tension and irritation that come along with it."

Morello has been a member of the team working to set up the system since its beginning last spring. The IrisLink team has been a joint effort of students, faculty, staff and administrators.

Students who participated in the pilot group also were given appointment times for registration in Dodd, said Susan Stevenson, registrar and director of summer session.

"We tried to make sure if they need to register for a special course or are not happy with the Web registration system they will still have the opportunity to register," Stevenson said.

A help desk manned by IrisLink team representatives was set up in George Washington Hall, where students could phone or e-mail questions while using the system. Another component of the program is a follow-up survey for the participating students to give

feedback and commentary about their experience.

Also as a part of the pilot, the team has set up a contest that includes a \$200 cash prize to be awarded to the student participating in the project that comes up with the winning name for the college's version of the Web registration system.

According to Morello, the software product IrisLink is also used by Wake Forest University and Notre Dame. Wake Forest calls its system WIN (Wake Information Network) and Notre Dame has chosen "IrisLink" as its system name.

Abbott said the IrisLink program was purchased in 1995 as a part of the overhaul of the college's entire information management system.

"We had to implement the new student information system and work out the technical requirements with that before we looked at Web-based registration," Abbott said. "By today's software standards the IrisLink program was fairly inexpensive. But the real advantage to this program is it has a real nice integration with our systems."

Morello believes the results of the pilot program will allow the team to determine exactly how the system works, what can be done to improve it, and how quickly Web registration can become the primary way

students register for courses.

Abbott agrees that opening the system up to a small group of students was simply the next step in the process.

"It's a pilot for a reason, because we know this is a big change and there may be some problems. This is a blending of a lot of different technologies," Abbott said. "We are early on in the process, and we can already see bumps in the road, but it's also time to get some feedback."

According to Abbott, there are not only technical issues that must be resolved before the program goes into wider usage, but issues of policy that must be addressed.

Classes that require an instructor's signature are not yet possible to register for using the Web-based program.

"This is a pilot. We are only opening it up to 100 plus students because we know we will have problems yet," Abbott said. "We have to see how this goes, we don't want to add to students' frustrations."

Still, Abbott, Morello and other members of the IrisLink team are hopeful that the Web registration system will be ready for widespread use within one year.

"Maybe the next step is a larger test, maybe the next test is to go live," Morello said. "If it's a rip-roaring success, that's good. If it's not, and there are still some mistakes, we'll go in and fix them."

There's No Arguing About It: Debate Team Is Number One

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relaxing at home or at the beach during spring break, the debate team was researching and putting in countless hours preparing arguments for the national tournament. The topic for the national tournament was, "Resolved: the United States should increase development assistance to Africa."

Uhlenhopp, who has been debating for two years, said that many hours are devoted during the week to prepare for debates.

"In a week before a tournament we will generally spend around 20 hours preparing," Uhlenhopp said. "Other weeks we average around 10 hours per week."

John Morello, assistant vice president for academic affairs, was the coach of the debate team from 1989 to 1999. He also served as the tournament's director this year.

"I have been pleased by the success the debate team has achieved," Morello said. "I know they have worked very hard and you're always gratified when work turns into success. The team acts as a team and they work together and this is a credit to Professor O'Donnell."

O'Donnell was awarded the American Debate Association's prestigious Lambert Award at the national tournament for excellence in coaching and service to the association.

Woods said she was thrilled that O'Donnell's

hard work and dedication were recognized.

"Tim is an excellent coach and is completely deserving of this award," Woods said. "If you've ever heard him talk about debate, you can see his great love of the activity and his vision to make the Mary Washington team wonderful."

Sophomore Nora Cronin, who captured third place in the junior varsity division along with senior Judy Goss, hopes to continue to debate next year and move up to the varsity level.

"I hope to travel nationally in varsity next year, but we need the funds to do it," Cronin said.

Morello said that because of financial limitations the college only has so much money for the

debate team.

"Unfortunately, as a state institution, debate teams are caught under budgetary difficulties and they probably ought to be better funded but there are limits," Morello said.

O'Donnell said he is confident the debate team will achieve national recognition in the years to come.

"My goal since coming here last August has been to restore the program to national prominence," O'Donnell said. "We have made considerable strides this year, but it is only just the beginning."

"Closing out the tournament was an extraordinary feat."

Carly Woods



Police Beat

By RYAN HAMM
News Editor

March 24—An administrative alcohol confiscation occurred in Bushnell Hall. A residence assistant confiscated two cans of Natural Light, 12 bottles of Rolling Rock and 12 bottles of Bud Light from the residence hall.

March 24—Junior Jenna Hayes, 24, was found bringing four bottles of beer into Bushnell Hall, a dry dorm. Hayes was referred to the administration.

March—At 3 a.m. Freshman Colin Maher, 18, was charged with drunk in public. A college police officer allegedly discovered that Maher was in possession of a fake ID.

March 25—Police received a complaint from safety on reference to people vandalizing bulletin boards in Mason Hall by scorching them with cigarette lighters. The scorching of the boards is considered vandalism and the value of the damage is \$130 for each of the boards.

March 27—Two individuals were stopped by the police for attempting to solicit credit cards to students on campus. Willy Michael James, 55, and Nathaniel Sentelle Waddy, 19, from Charlottesville. Both work for Event Marketing of Charlottesville and were issued trespassing notes from the police.



Compiled by Mark H. Rodeffer

Supreme Court Goes To Pot

The U.S. Supreme Court Wednesday waded into the debate over medical marijuana. In oral arguments, the Department of Justice claimed that prescription pot shouldn't be used because it violates federal law. The Oakland Cannabis Buyers Cooperative argued that because marijuana can relieve nausea, improve energy levels and help combat symptoms of illnesses ranging from cancer to AIDS, the patients' need to take the drug outweighs federal laws against it. Voters in California and six other states have approved ballot initiative allowing the use of medical marijuana.

D.C. Police Accused Of Sending Racist Emails

The Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D.C. is reeling from allegations made on a Fox television station that about a quarter of 4 million emails sent by on-duty officers last year contained ethnic and racial slurs, sexually inappropriate content and offensive comments about homosexuals. Mayor Anthony Williams called the emails "offensive and stupid," and Police Chief Charles Ramsey promised to punish the officers who sent the emails.

Court: Anti-Abortion Web Site Is Protected Speech

A Web site and posters listing the names and home addresses of abortion doctors and declaring them guilty of crimes against humanity, are protected free speech, a federal appeals court ruled Wednesday. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a record \$109 million verdict by a Portland, Ore., jury that two years ago found the literature, which portrayed abortionists in Old West-style wanted posters as "baby butchers," was threatening and unprotected speech. The court said that the literature's producers only could be held liable if they directly threatened violence.

S-Club-420

In a development more suggestive of rock 'n' roll than teen pop, the three male members of the British group S-Club-7 were arrested last week for possessing a marijuana joint in London's trendy West End. Bradley McIntosh, 18, John Lee, 19 and Paul Cattermole, 24 issued a statement saying, "We have been very stupid, we know we've made a mistake and we're very sorry." The band, best known in the United States for its Fox Family Channel sitcom, recently cracked the top 100 on the Billboard 200.

Catholics Criticize Depiction Of Bikini-Clad Virgin Mary

Despite demands by protesters and the archbishop of Santa Fe, a New Mexico museum defended its depiction of a bikini-clad Virgin Mary. Museum officials plan to meet next week to hear public comment on "Our Lady," a digital photograph that also includes a bare-breasted angel. Archbishop Michael Sheehan called the artwork "yet another trashing" of Catholicism, while museum officials say they're surprised at the public outcry and say they hope the controversy will continue to spark public discourse about the role of art and how it plays into community values and freedom of expression.

Departments Prepare To Move To Building Without Furniture

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said that if the state does not accept the appeal, they do not know how it will find the money for furnishings.

"We don't need [the furniture] now, but we need [the funding] to order it for next year," said John Wiltenmuth, assistant vice president for facilities services.

But Richard Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer, said he is anticipating a positive response from the state.

"It's unlikely that we won't need the money, so hopefully the state will grant us the appeal," Hurley said.

Combs Hall, the former science building located next to Jefferson Hall, is slated to house three departments next March: modern foreign languages, historic preservation and English, linguistics and speech.

Bill Kemp, chair of the English, linguistics and speech department, said the department will be accommodating if things are not perfect in Combs Hall next year.

"[If there is no furniture next year] the faculty will be right there on the floor with [students]," he said. "But the whole idea of that actually happening is ludicrous."

According to Hurley, if the state rejects the appeal, the college has three options. One is to stop the project altogether, which Hurley said is unlikely. Another option is to continue the project and go back to the state and appeal in the next fiscal year. The third option involves dipping into the college's own funds, which Hurley considers a poor choice due to the fact that there is a limit on the funds to begin with.

"Our priority is to protect the academic program," Hurley said. "The last thing we want to do is dip into department funds."

Hurley said he hopes the state will release the funds as the college needs them, instead of issuing the \$1 million all at once.

The relocation of the three academic departments will open up space in all of the academic buildings, with the exception of Jepson Hall. The business administration department will move to Chandler Hall, but no final decisions have been made regarding what will happen to the available space in Trinkle, Monroe, and duPont halls.

Kemp said the move will provide the departments with much needed room to expand.

"Personally, I'm delighted to move to Combs. This will help alleviate congestion that Chandler can't support, particularly in classroom space," he said.

Gary Stanton, chair of the historic preservation department, said he is eager about the move to Combs as well.

At the present time, the historic preservation department is spread out across campus. The offices and classrooms are in Trinkle Hall, but the lab is on the other end of campus in the Goodrick Hall basement by the pool. The relocation will allow students and faculty to have greater access to digital facilities.

"The move will allow us to consolidate in various places. Before, we could not reach the full range of preservation," Stanton said.

But Stanton said he will be sad to leave Trinkle because he is leaving behind friends in other departments.

"I love the people I work with in Trinkle. We work well together and we're all friends," Stanton said. "I wish, in many ways, that we were all going over there."

The renovation of Combs Hall is causing some other problems as well. Jefferson Square is closed to all vehicular traffic and parking to allow space for the construction equipment.

Sophomore Terry Boyd said the renovation project was an inconvenience.

"I live in Jefferson and I hate it how we can't park in front of it anymore," Boyd said.

"If there is no furniture next year the faculty will be right there on the floor with students!"

Bill Kemp

Correction:

The March 22 article, "The Wright Stuff," should have reported that while F. Scott Fitzgerald and his wife, Zelda, are buried in Rockville, Md., Ernest Hemingway is buried in Ketchum, Idaho.

New Kids On The Block stuff wanted!!!

I am looking for any merchandise having anything to do with NKOTB, especially Joey McIntyre (he's the dreamiest!) Call me if you have anything you want to sell or give away. Erika, 654-4585

Viewpoints

your opinions

Registering Improvements

For the last few years, the administration has tried almost everything to turn Mary Washington College into a big university, including a proposed name change and the opening of the James Monroe Center.

Now, administrators are finally taking a step that will actually benefit students: Web-based registration. The college has purchased a software program for class registration currently used by the likes of Notre Dame and Wake Forest universities.

The 120 students with the most accumulated credits participated this week in a trial of the new program, and from all accounts, it seems to have worked well. The students using the program said it was faster and easier than the ancient system of registration the school has used for years, and most importantly, it meant they did not have to stand in line at George Washington Hall for hours waiting to make sure they got the classes they needed.

Many students might be wondering why only 120 students used the program this semester. If it's so great, it seems that everyone should use it. The answer is that the program is new and unfamiliar to the college. To deal with any possible glitches with the system, a small group of students used the system to make sure everything went smoothly and so that any kinks in the system could be worked out.

Hopefully, the new system will be fully in place next semester so that when it comes time for students to register, everyone will be able to enjoy the benefits of the new program. The administration should do everything it can to make sure online registration is available next semester. After years of using the college's antiquated registration system, students deserve to be able to register for classes with a system that isn't as old as dirt.

About Time

Many Fredericksburg residents don't understand the economic and social benefits that Mary Washington College brings to the city.

In late February, the City Council presented a plaque to Community Outreach and Resources to recognize all the group has done for the city. COAR was well-deserving of the honor.

The city took the right step in recognizing one of the college's contributions to Fredericksburg.

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Junior Ring Week Faces Extinction

CAROLINE S. WALLINGER
Guest Columnist

They took our housing. They took some of the classes we need to graduate. If they could, they would take our voice from The Bulletin; they already attempted to violate the Freedom of Information Act and ban reporters from administrative meetings. Now, to top their list of how to rob students of good campus life, the administration has taken the spirit out of Junior Ring Week.

I may be taking a risk in admitting that I am a junior in the midst of Junior Ring Week, but I think it needs to be done. Yes folks, I'm a junior, and surprisingly, I am still strongly in favor of Junior Ring Week.

In fact, I enjoy a good prank when well-played, even if I'm at the receiving end. I do not, however, enjoy harmful, ill-intentioned or obnoxious pranks. Therefore, I find the empty fountain in the middle of campus to be a real downer.

I feel that as a junior I have been

shortchanged, shafted, cheated! Everyone knows you're unpopular if you aren't publicly ridiculed during Junior Ring Week. My reputation may be irreparably damaged! What am I to do?

Throwing juniors in the fountain has been a tradition at Mary Washington College for quite a while, as I understand it.

Because the fountain is now empty, I worry that people will get more creative with their pranks, and may resort to more obnoxious, (dare I say more dangerous?) pranks.

I don't mean to imply that students would intentionally harm other students, but I do wonder if in their haste to think up new ideas they may neglect to consider all of the

possible ramifications.

I do not at all oppose efforts by Residence Life to monitor the safety of Junior Ring Week pranks. As in previous years, I expect to see resident assistants, police, and others patrolling to make sure

the week goes smoothly, and no one is pranked against his or her will. I am also happy to see the flyers in Seacock, alerting unwitting pranksters to the damage caused by soda to a car, or hot sauce to a person who may be allergic to the stuff.

I expect that like me, most juniors enjoy the tradition of Junior Ring Week and are willing to put up with safe pranks on the condition that they be able to return the favor next year.

Draining the fountain is simply the act of a spoil sport, and that surprises me as I remember reading in The Bulletin just last year that when the Jepson fountain was constructed, President Bill Anderson asked the architects how many students could fit in it. This is the same President Anderson who once said that carving names in the back of the GW clock was a good and fun tradition as well. Where is his sense of humor now?

On a final note, I appeal to the administration, with perhaps an incentive to keep Junior Ring Week alive. If the fountain were full, there's a good chance I would be in it right now, which would mean that I would not have the time or the impetus to write this letter to the editor.

Maybe Junior Ring Week should be a year long event. Then I would be so busy dodging the pranksters that I wouldn't be able to pass any annoying petitions around either. Intriguing proposal, huh?

Caroline S. Wallinger is a junior.

New Marathon Sport Not Something to Sleep On

RYAN SMITH
Guest Columnist

I, like most humans, dogs and common sea donkeys, love sleep. I'm very good at sleeping—falling asleep, staying asleep, the whole deal. Sleep is a great part of my life, and I treat each slumber as a sacred event. My friend Jeff is also quite a good sleeper, and we often debate as to whom sleeps better.

Besides sleep, we also argue consistently about sports, and we spend most of our more sober moments immersed in various poorly performed athletic and intellectual activities. One particular evening, while discussing Wittgenstein over a game of backgammon, I had a significant revelation:

"Jeff," I said. "You like to sleep, right?"

"Is the Pope Catholic?" he responded, laughing like it was the first time anyone had ever used that phrase.

"And you also like sports, am I right?"

"Does James Brown get down?" he asked cryptically.

"Well, how about combining both things into one?" I asked.

Silence. Jeff suddenly smiled widely. "You really think James Brown should be the next Pope?" he asked excitedly.

"No Jeff," I said, though the idea was intriguing. "I want to combine sleep and sports into one activity."

"That's amazing!" Jeff said, and despite the fact that he was talking about a recently ignited bee, I felt that I was truly onto something here.

Anyway, from this exchange developed the basis for Marathon Team Sleeping, the sport sweeping bedrooms and nursing homes across the nation. Now, I realize there are some skeptics out there thinking, "Sleeping as a sport? That's almost as absurd as tee-ball." Nevertheless, I feel that the sporting world needs to reconnect with the common man.

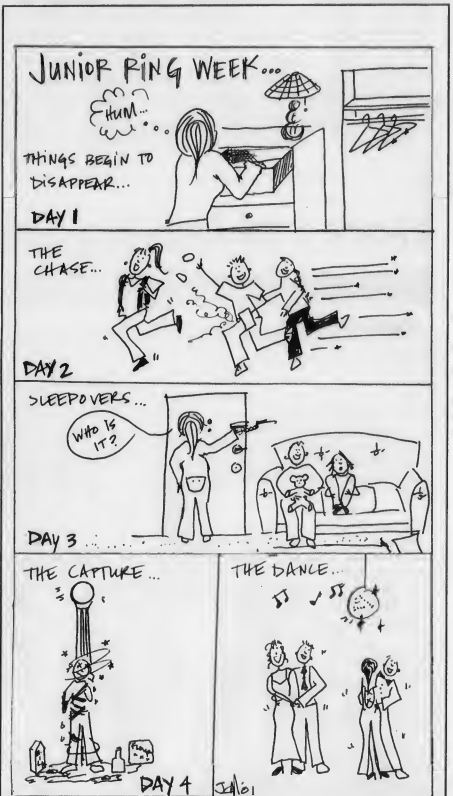
I gallantly propose Team Sleeping. To prepare for an inevitable explosion in the sport's popularity, I developed a few Marathon Team Sleeping rules: First, drugs, such as Nyquil and beer are unacceptable based upon their performance enhancing capabilities. Teams must also use some sort of pajama-related uniform. Teams will lie down at a designated time, and each score combines the total number of hours slept by each team member (time spent tossing and turning does not count). Teams consist of five members and a coach, and in preparation for international competition, I compiled a virtual "Dream Team" I give you America's first Marathon Sleeping Team:

Me (captain), my friend Jeff, my roommate Ian, my other roommate Pete, Keith Richards and the coach: Al Gore. I believe that such a team could easily roll across the competition. America's advanced mattress systems offer impeccable performance features. Following extensive training, Marathon Team Sleeping could maintain enough momentum for serious Olympic consideration:

Commentator: Marv Albert: "Welcome, Ladies and Gentlemen to the 2014 Olympics here in Lake Placid. It's been a wild few days here. Let's take you directly to the Lake Placid Holiday Inn for the Marathon Sleeping Finals."

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"This is a pilot. We are only opening it up to 100 plus students because we know we will have problems yet," Abbott said. "We have to see how this goes, we don't want to add to students' frustrations."

Still, Abbott, Morello and other members of the IrisLink team are hopeful that the Web registration system will be ready for widespread use within one year.

"Maybe the next step is a larger test, maybe the next test is to go live," Morello said. "If it's a rip-roaring success, that's good. If it's not, and there are still some mistakes, we'll go in and fix them."

There's No Arguing About It: Debate Team Is Number One

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relaxing at home or at the beach during spring break, the debate team was researching and putting in countless hours preparing arguments for the national tournament. The topic for the national tournament was, "Resolved: The United States should increase development assistance to Africa."

Uhlenhopp, who has been debating for two years, said that many hours are devoted during the week to prepare for debates.

"In a week before a tournament we will generally spend around 20 hours preparing," Uhlenhopp said. "Other weeks we average around 10 hours per week."

John Morello, assistant vice president for academic affairs, was the coach of the debate team from 1989 to 1999. He also served as the tournament's director this year.

"I have been pleased by the success the debate team has achieved," Morello said. "I know they have worked very hard and you're always gratified when work turns into success. The team acts as a team and they work together and this is a credit to Professor O'Donnell."

O'Donnell was awarded the American Debate Association's prestigious Lambert Award at the national tournament for excellence in coaching and service to the association.

Woods said she was thrilled that O'Donnell's

hard work and dedication were recognized.

"Tim is an excellent coach and is completely deserving of this award," Woods said. "If you've ever heard him talk about debate, you can see his great love of the activity and his vision to make the Mary Washington team wonderful."

"Closing out the tournament was an extraordinary feat."

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Sophomore Nora Cronin, who captured third place in the junior varsity division along with senior Judy Goss, hopes to continue to debate next year and move up to the varsity level.

"I hope to travel nationally in varsity next year, but we need the funds to do it," Cronin said. Morello said that because of financial limitations the college only has so much money for the

debate team.

"Unfortunately, as a state institution, debate teams are caught under budgetary difficulties and they probably ought to be better funded but there are limits," Morello said.

O'Donnell said he is confident the debate team will achieve national recognition in the years to come.

"My goal since coming here last August has been to restore the program to national prominence," O'Donnell said. "We have made considerable strides this year, but it is only just the beginning."

Police Beat

By RYAN HANIM
News Editor



March 24—An administrative alcohol confiscation occurred in Bushnell Hall. A residence assistant confiscated two cans of Natural Light, 12 bottles of Rolling Rock and 12 bottles of Bud Light from the residence hall.

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Compiled by Mark H. Rodeffer

Supreme Court Goes To Pot

The U.S. Supreme Court Wednesday waded into the debate over medical marijuana. In oral arguments, the Department of Justice claimed that prescription pot shouldn't be used because it violates federal law. The Oakland Cannabis Buyers Cooperative argued that because marijuana can relieve nausea, improve energy levels and help combat symptoms of illnesses ranging from cancer to AIDS, the patients' need to take the drug outweighs federal laws against it. Voters in California and six other states have approved ballot initiative allowing the use of medical marijuana.

D.C. Police Accused Of Sending Racist Emails

The Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D.C. is reeling from allegations made on a Fox television station that about a quarter of 4 million emails sent by on-duty officers last year contained ethnic and racial slurs, sexually inappropriate content and offensive comments about homosexuals. Mayor Anthony Williams called the emails "offensive and stupid," and Police Chief Charles Ramsey promised to punish the officers who sent the emails.

Court: Anti-Abortion Web Site Is Protected Speech

A Web site and posters listing the names and home addresses of abortion doctors and declaring them guilty of crimes against humanity, are protected free speech, a federal appeals court ruled Wednesday. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a record \$109 million verdict by a Portland, Ore., jury that two years ago found the literature, which portrayed abortionists in Old West-style wanted posters as "baby butchers," was threatening and unprotected speech. The court said that the literature's producers only could be held liable if they directly threatened violence.

S-Club-420

In a development more suggestive of rock 'n' roll than teen pop, the three male members of the British group S-Club-7 were arrested last week for possessing a marijuana joint in London's trendy West End. Bradley McIntosh, 18, John Lee, 19 and Paul Cattermole, 24 issued a statement saying, "We have been very stupid, we know we've made a mistake and we're very sorry." The band, best known in the United States for its Fox Family Channel sitcom, recently cracked the top 100 on the Billboard 200.

Catholics Criticize Depiction Of Bikini-Clad Virgin Mary

Despite demands by protesters and the archbishop of Santa Fe, a New Mexico museum defended its depiction of a bikini-clad Virgin Mary. Museum officials plan to meet next week to hear public comment on "Our Lady," a digital photograph that also includes a bare-breasted angel. Archbishop Michael Sheehan called the artwork "yet another trashing" of Catholicism, while museum officials say they're surprised at the public outcry and say they hope the controversy will continue to spark public discourse about the role of art and how it plays into community values and freedom of expression.

Departments Prepare To Move To Building Without Furniture

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said that if the state does not accept the appeal, they do not know how it will find the money for furnishings.

"We don't need the furniture now, but we need [the funding] to order it for next year," said John Wittenmuth, assistant vice president for facilities services.

But Richard Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer, said he is anticipating a positive response from the state.

"It's unlikely that we won't need the money, so hopefully the state will grant us the appeal," Hurley said.

Combs Hall, the former science building located next to Jefferson Hall, is slated to house three departments next March: modern foreign languages, historic preservation and English, linguistics and speech.

Bill Kemp, chair of the English, linguistics and speech department, said the department will be accommodating if things are not perfect in Combs Hall next year.

"[If there is no furniture next year] the faculty will be right there on the floor with [students]," he said. "But the whole idea of that actually happening is ludicrous."

According to Hurley, if the state rejects the appeal, the college has three options. One is to stop the project altogether, which Hurley said is unlikely. Another option is to continue the project and go back to the state and appeal in the next fiscal year. The third option involves dipping into the college's own funds, which Hurley considers a poor choice due to the fact that there is a limit on the funds to begin with.

"Our priority is to protect the academic program," Hurley said. "The last thing we want to do is dip into department funds."

Hurley said he hopes the state will release the funds as the college needs them, instead of issuing the \$1 million all at once.

The relocation of the three academic departments will open up space in all of the academic buildings, with the exception of Jepson Hall. The business administration department will move to Chandler Hall, but no final decisions have been made regarding what will happen to the available space in Trinkle, Monroe, and DuPont halls.

Kemp said the move will provide the departments with much needed room to expand.

"Personally, I'm delighted to move to Combs. This will help alleviate congestion that Chandler can't support, particularly in classroom space," he said.

Gary Stanton, chair of the historic preservation department, said he is eager about the move to Combs as well.

At the present time, the historic preservation department is spread out across campus. The offices and classrooms are in Trinkle Hall, but the lab is on the other end of campus in the Goolrick Hall basement by the pool. The relocation will allow students and faculty to have greater access to digital facilities.

"The move will allow us to consolidate in various places. Before, we could not reach the full range of preservation," Stanton said.

But Stanton said he will be sad to leave Trinkle because he is leaving behind friends in other departments.

"I love the people I work with in Trinkle. We work well together and we're all friends," Stanton said. "I wish, in many ways, that we were all going over there."

The renovation of Combs Hall is causing some other problems as well. Jefferson Square is closed to all vehicular traffic and parking to allow space for the construction equipment.

Sophomore Terry Boyd said the renovation project was an inconvenience.

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Correction:

The March 22 article, "The Wright Stuff," should have reported that while F. Scott Fitzgerald and his wife, Zelda, are buried in Rockville, Md., Ernest Hemingway is buried in Ketchum, Idaho.

New Kids On The Block stuff wanted!!!

I am looking for any merchandise having anything to do with NKOTB, especially Joey McIntyre (he's the dreamiest!) Call me if you have anything you want to sell or give away. Erika, 654-4585

Viewpoints

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Registering Improvements

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Now, administrators are finally taking a step that will actually benefit students: Web-based registration. The college has purchased a software program for class registration currently used by the likes of Notre Dame and Wake Forest universities.

The 120 students with the most accumulated credits participated this week in a trial of the new program, and from all accounts, it seems to have worked well. The students using the program said it was faster and easier than the ancient system of registration the school has used for years, and most importantly, it meant they did not have to stand in line at George Washington Hall for hours waiting to make sure they got the classes they needed.

Many students might be wondering why only 120 students used the program this semester. If it's so great, it seems that everyone should use it. The answer is that the program is new and unfamiliar to the college. To deal with any possible glitches with the system, a small group of students used the system to make sure everything went smoothly and so that any kinks in the system could be worked out.

Hopefully, the new system will be fully in place next semester so that when it comes time for students to register, everyone will be able to enjoy the benefits of the new program. The administration should do everything it can to make sure online registration is available next semester. After years of using the college's antiquated registration system, students deserve to be able to register for classes with a system that isn't as old as dirt.

About Time

Many Fredericksburg residents don't understand the economic and social benefits that Mary Washington College brings to the city.

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The city took the right step in recognizing one of the college's contributions to Fredericksburg.

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Junior Ring Week Faces Extinction

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Guest Columnist

They took our housing. They took some of the classes we need to graduate. If they could, they would take our voice from The Bulletin; they already attempted to violate the Freedom of Information Act and ban reporters from administrative meetings. Now, to top their list of how to rob students of good campus life, the administration has taken the spirit out of Junior Ring Week.

I may be taking a risk in admitting that I am a junior in the midst of Junior Ring Week, but I think it needs to be done. Yes folks, I'm a junior, and surprisingly, I am still strongly in favor of Junior Ring Week. In fact, I enjoy a good prank when well-played, even if I'm at the receiving end. I do not, however, enjoy harmful, ill-intentioned or obnoxious pranks. Therefore, I feel the empty fountain in the middle of campus to be a real downer.

I feel that as a junior I have been

shortchanged, shafted, cheated! Everyone knows you're unpopular if you aren't publicly ridiculed during Junior Ring Week. My reputation may be irreparably damaged! What am I to do?

Throwing juniors in the fountain has been a tradition at Mary Washington College for quite a while, as I understand it. Because the fountain is now empty, I worry that people will get more creative with their pranks, and may resort to more obnoxious, (dare I say more dangerous?) pranks.

I don't mean to imply that students would intentionally harm other students, but I do wonder if their haste to think up new ideas they may neglect to consider all of the

possible ramifications.

I do not at all oppose efforts by Residence Life to monitor the safety of Junior Ring Week pranks. As in previous years, I expect to see resident assistants, police, and others patrolling to make sure

the week goes smoothly, and no one is pranked against his or her will. I am also happy to see the flyers in Seacobeck, alerting unwitting pranksters to the damage caused by soda to a car, or hot sauce to a person who may be allergic to the stuff.

I expect that most juniors enjoy the tradition of Junior Ring Week and are willing to put up with safe pranks on the condition that they be able to return the favor next year.

Draining the fountain is simply the act of a spoil sport, and that surprises me as I remember reading in The Bulletin just last year that when the Jepson fountain was constructed, President Bill Anderson asked the architects how many students could fit in it. This is the same President Anderson who once said that carving names in the back of the GW clock was a good and fun tradition as well. Where is his sense of humor now?

On a final note, I appeal to the administration, with perhaps an incentive to keep Junior Ring Week alive. If the fountain were full, there's a good chance I would be in it right now, which would mean that I would not have the time or the impetus to write this letter to the editor.

Maybe Junior Ring Week should be a year long event. Then I would be so busy dodging the pranksters that I wouldn't be able to pass any annoying petitions around either. Intriguing proposal, huh?

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New Marathon Sport Not Something To Sleep On

RYAN SMITH
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I, like most humans, dogs and common sea donkeys, love sleep. I'm very good at sleeping—falling asleep, staying asleep, the whole deal. Sleep is a great part of my life, and I treat each slumber as a sacred event. My friend Jeff is also quite a good sleeper, and we often debate as to whom sleeps better.

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"Jeff," I said. "You like to sleep, right?"

"Is the Pope Catholic?" he responded, laughing like it was the first time anyone had ever used that phrase.

"And you also like sports, am I right?"

"Does James Brown get down?" he asked cryptically.

"Well, how about combining both things into one?" I asked.

Silence? Jeff suddenly smiled widely. "You really think James Brown should be the next Pope?" he asked excitedly.

"No Jeff," I said, though the idea was intriguing. "I want to combine sleep and sports into one activity."

"That's amazing," Jeff said, and despite the fact that he was talking about a recently ignited beer, I felt that I was truly onto something here.

Anyway, from this exchange developed the basis for Marathon Team Sleeping, the sport sweeping bedrooms and nursing homes across the nation. Now, I realize there are some skeptics out there thinking, "Sleeping as a sport? That's almost as absurd as tee-ball." Nevertheless, I feel that the sporting world needs to reconnect with the common man.

I gallantly propose Team Sleeping. To prepare for an inevitable explosion in the sport's popularity, I developed a few Marathon Team Sleeping rules: First, drugs, such as Nyquil and beer are unacceptable based upon their performance enhancing capabilities. Teams must also use some sort of pajama-related uniform. Teams will lie down at a designated time, and each score combines the total number of hours slept by each team member (time spent tossing and turning does not count). Teams consist of five members and a coach, and in preparation for international competition, I compiled a virtual "Dream Team" I give you America's first Marathon Sleeping Team.

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Abbott agrees that opening the system up to a small group of students was simply the next step in the process.

"It's a pilot for a reason, because we know this is a big change and there may be some problems. There is a blending of a lot of different technologies," Abbott said. "We are early on in the process, and we can already see bumps in the road, but it's also time to get some feedback."

According to Abbott, there are not only technical issues that must be resolved before the program goes into wider usage, but issues of policy that must be addressed.

Classes that require an instructor's signature are not yet possible to register for using the Web-based program.

"This is a pilot. We are only opening it up to 100 plus students because we know we will have problems yet," Abbott said. "We have to see how this goes, we don't want to add to students' frustrations."

Still, Abbott, Morello and other members of the IrisLink team are hopeful that the Web registration system will be ready for widespread use within one year.

"Maybe the next step is a larger test, maybe the next test is to go live," Morello said. "If it's a rip-roaring success, that's good. If it's not, and there are still some mistakes, we'll go in and fix them."

There's No Arguing About It: Debate Team Is Number One

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relaxing at home or at the beach during spring break, the debate team was researching and putting in countless hours preparing arguments for the national tournament. The topic for the national tournament was, "Resolved: The United States should increase development assistance to Africa."

Uhlenhopp, who has been debating for two years, said that many hours are devoted during the week to prepare for debates.

"In a week before a tournament we will generally spend around 20 hours preparing," Uhlenhopp said. "Other weeks we average around 10 hours per week."

John Morello, assistant vice president for academic affairs, was the coach of the debate team from 1989 to 1999. He also served as the tournament's director this year.

"I have been pleased by the success the debate team has achieved," Morello said. "I know they have worked very hard and you're always gratified when work turns into success. The team acts as a team and they work together and this is a credit to Professor O'Donnell."

O'Donnell was awarded the American Debate Association's prestigious Lambert Award at the national tournament for excellence in coaching and service to the association.

Woods said she was thrilled that O'Donnell's

hard work and dedication were recognized.

"Tim is an excellent coach and is completely deserving of this award," Woods said. "If you've ever heard him talk about debate, you can see his great love of the activity and his vision to make the Mary Washington team wonderful."

"Closing out the tournament was an extraordinary feat."

Carly Woods

Sophomore Nora Cronin, who captured third place in the junior varsity division along with senior Judy Goss, hopes to continue to debate next year and move up to the varsity level.

"I hope to travel nationally in varsity next year, but we need the funds to do it," Cronin said.

Morello said that because of financial limitations the college only has so much money for the

debate team.

"Unfortunately, as a state institution, debate teams are caught under budgetary difficulties and they probably ought to be better funded but there are limits," Morello said.

O'Donnell said he is confident the debate team will achieve national recognition in the years to come.

"My goal since coming here last August has been to restore the program to national prominence," O'Donnell said. "We have made considerable strides this year, but it is only just the beginning."

Police Beat

By RYAN HAMM
News Editor

March 24—An administrative alcohol confiscation occurred in Bushnell Hall. A residence assistant confiscated two cans of Natural Light, 12 bottles of Rolling Rock and 12 bottles of Bud Light from the residence hall.

March 24—Junior Jenna Hayes, 24, was found bringing four bottles of beer into Bushnell Hall, a dry dorm. Hayes was referred to the administration.

March—At 3 a.m. Freshman Colin Maher, 18, was charged with drunk in public. A college police officer allegedly discovered that Maher was in possession of a fake ID.

March 25—Police received a complaint from safety on reference to people vandalizing bulletin boards in Mason Hall by scorching them with cigarette lighters. The scorching of the boards is considered vandalism and the value of the damage is \$130 for each of the boards.

March 27—Two individuals were stopped by the police for attempting to solicit credit cards to students on campus. Willy Michael James, 55, and Nathaniel Sentelle Waddy, 19, from Charlottesville. Both work for Event Marketing of Charlottesville and were issued trespassing notes from the police.



Compiled by Mark H. Rodeffer

Supreme Court Goes To Pot

The U.S. Supreme Court Wednesday waded into the debate over medical marijuana. In oral arguments, the Department of Justice claimed that prescription pot shouldn't be used because it violates federal law. The Oakland Cannabis Buyers Cooperative argued that because marijuana can relieve nausea, improve energy levels and help combat symptoms of illnesses ranging from cancer to AIDS, the patients' need to take the drug outweighs federal laws against it. Voters in California and six other states have approved ballot initiative allowing the use of medical marijuana.

D.C. Police Accused Of Sending Racist Emails

The Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D.C. is reeling from allegations made on a Fox television station that about a quarter of 4 million emails sent by on-duty officers last year contained ethnic and racial slurs, sexually inappropriate content and offensive comments about homosexuals. Mayor Anthony Williams called the emails "offensive and stupid," and Police Chief Charles Ramsey promised to punish the officers who sent the emails.

Court: Anti-Abortion Web Site Is Protected Speech

A Web site and posters listing the names and home addresses of abortion doctors and declaring them guilty of crimes against humanity, are protected free speech, a federal appeals court ruled Wednesday. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a record \$109 million verdict by a Portland, Ore., jury that two years ago found the literature, which portrayed abortionists in Old West-style wanted posters as "baby butchers," was threatening and unprotected speech. The court said that the literature's producers only could be held liable if they directly threatened violence.

S-Club-420

In a development more suggestive of rock 'n' roll than teen pop, the three male members of the British group S-Club-7 were arrested last week for possessing a marijuana joint in London's trendy West End. Bradley McIntosh, 18, John Lee, 19 and Paul Cattermole, 24 issued a statement saying, "We have been very stupid, we know we've made a mistake and we're very sorry." The band, best known in the United States for its Fox Family Channel sitcom, recently cracked the top 100 on the Billboard 200.

Catholics Criticize Depiction Of Bikini-Clad Virgin Mary

Despite demands by protesters and the archbishop of Santa Fe, a New Mexico museum defended its depiction of a bikini-clad Virgin Mary. Museum officials plan to meet next week to hear public comment on "Our Lady," a digital photograph that also includes a bare-breasted angel. Archbishop Michael Sheehan called the artwork "yet another trashing" of Catholicism, while museum officials say they're surprised at the public outcry and say they hope the controversy will spark public discourse about the role of art and how it plays into community values and freedom of expression.

Departments Prepare To Move To Building Without Furniture

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said that if the state does not accept the appeal, they do not know how it will find the money for furnishings.

"We don't need [the furniture] now, but we need [the funding] to order it for next year," said John Wiltenmuth, assistant vice president for facilities services.

But Richard Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer, said he is anticipating a positive response from the state.

"It's unlikely that we won't need the money, so hopefully the state will grant us the appeal," Hurley said.

Combs Hall, the former science building located next to Jefferson Hall, is slated to house three departments next March: modern foreign languages, historic preservation and English, linguistics and speech.

Bill Kemp, chair of the English, linguistics and speech department, said the department will be accommodating if things are not perfect in Combs Hall next year.

"[If there is no furniture next year] the faculty will be right there on the floor with [students]," he said. "But the whole idea of that actually happening is ludicrous."

According to Hurley, if the state rejects the appeal, the college has three options. One is to stop the project altogether, which Hurley said is unlikely. Another option is to continue the project and go back to the state and appeal in the next fiscal year. The third option involves dipping into the college's own funds, which Hurley considers a poor choice due to the fact that there is a limit on the funds to begin with.

"Our priority is to protect the academic program," Hurley said. "The last thing we want to do is dip into department funds."

Hurley said he hopes the state will release the funds as the college needs them, instead of issuing the \$1 million all at once.

The relocation of the three academic departments will open up space in all of the academic buildings, with the exception of Jepson Hall. The business administration department will move to Chandler Hall, but no final decisions have been made regarding what will happen to the available space in Trinkle, Monroe, and DuPont halls.

Kemp said the move will provide the departments with much needed room to expand.

"Personally, I'm delighted to move to Combs. This will help alleviate congestion that Chandler can't support, particularly in classroom space," he said.

Gary Stanton, chair of the historic preservation department, said he is eager about the move to Combs as well.

At the present time, the historic preservation department is spread out across campus. The offices and classrooms are in Trinkle Hall, but the lab is on the other end of campus in the Goolrick Hall basement by the pool. The relocation will allow students and faculty to have greater access to digital facilities.

"The move will allow us to consolidate in various places. Before, we could not reach the full range of preservation," Stanton said.

But Stanton said he will be sad to leave Trinkle because he is leaving behind friends in other departments.

"I love the people I work with in Trinkle. We work well together and we're all friends," Stanton said. "I wish, in many ways, that we were all going over there."

The renovation of Combs Hall is causing some other problems as well. Jefferson Square is closed to all vehicular traffic and parking to allow space for the construction equipment.

Sophomore Terry Boyd said the renovation project was an inconvenience.

"I live in Jefferson and I hate it how we can't park in front of it anymore," Boyd said.

"If there is no furniture next year the faculty will be right there on the floor with [students]."

Bill Kemp

Correction:

The March 22 article, "The Wright Stuff," should have reported that while F. Scott Fitzgerald and his wife, Zelda, are buried in Rockville, Md., Ernest Hemingway is buried in Ketchum, Idaho.

New Kids On The Block stuff wanted!!!

I am looking for any merchandise having anything to do with NKOTB, especially Joey McIntyre (he's the dreamiest!) Call me if you have anything you want to sell or give away. Erika, 654-4585

Viewpoints

your opinions

Registering Improvements

For the last few years, the administration has tried almost everything to turn Mary Washington College into a big university, including a proposed name change and the opening of the James Monroe Center.

Now, administrators are finally taking a step that will actually benefit students: Web-based registration. The college has purchased a software program for class registration currently used by the likes of Notre Dame and Wake Forest universities.

The 120 students with the most accumulated credits participated this week in a trial of the new program, and from all accounts, it seems to have worked well. The students using the program said it was faster and easier than the ancient system of registration the school has used for years, and most importantly, it meant they did not have to stand in line at George Washington Hall for hours waiting to make sure they got the classes they needed.

Many students might be wondering why only 120 students used the program this semester. If it's so great, it seems that everyone should use it. The answer is that the program is new and unfamiliar to the college. To deal with any possible glitches with the system, a small group of students used the system to make sure everything went smoothly and so that any kinks in the system could be worked out.

Hopefully, the new system will be fully in place next semester so that when it comes time for students to register, everyone will be able to enjoy the benefits of the new program. The administration should do everything it can to make sure online registration is available next semester. After years of using the college's antiquated registration system, students deserve to be able to register for classes with a system that isn't as old as dirt.

About Time

Many Fredericksburg residents don't understand the economic and social benefits that Mary Washington College brings to the city.

In late February, the City Council presented a plaque to Community Outreach and Resources to recognize all the group has done for the city. COAR was well-deserving of the honor.

The city took the right step in recognizing one of the college's contributions to Fredericksburg.

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Junior Ring Week Faces Extinction

CAROLINE S. WALLINGER
Guest Columnist

They took our housing. They took some of the classes we need to graduate. If they could, they would take our voice from The Bulletin; they already attempted to violate the Freedom of Information Act and ban reporters from administrative meetings. Now, to top their list of how to rob students of good campus life, the administration has taken the spirit out of Junior Ring Week.

I may be taking a risk in admitting that I am a junior in the midst of Junior Ring Week, but I think it needs to be done. Yes folks, I'm a junior, and surprisingly, I am still strongly in favor of Junior Ring Week. In fact, I enjoy a good prank when well-played, even if I'm at the receiving end. I do not, however, enjoy harmful, ill-intentioned or obnoxious pranks. Therefore, I find the empty fountain in the middle of campus to be a real downer.

I feel that as a junior I have been

shortchanged, shafted, cheated! Everyone knows you're unpopular if you aren't publicly ridiculed during Junior Ring Week. My reputation may be irreparably damaged! What am I to do?

Throwing juniors in the fountain has been a tradition at Mary Washington College for quite a while, as I understand it. Because the fountain is now empty, I worry that people will get more creative with their pranks, and may resort to more obnoxious, (dare I say more dangerous?) pranks.

I don't mean to imply that students would intentionally harm other students, but I do wonder if in their haste to think up new ideas they may neglect to consider all of the

possible ramifications.

I do not at all oppose efforts by Residence Life to monitor the safety of Junior Ring Week pranks. As in previous years, I expect to see resident assistants, police, and others patrolling to make sure

the week goes smoothly, and no one is pranked against his or her will. I am also happy to see the flyers in Seacobeck, alerting unwitting pranksters to the damage caused by soda to a car, or hot sauce to a person who may be allergic to the stuff.

I expect that

like me, most juniors enjoy the tradition of Junior Ring Week and are willing to put up with safe pranks on the condition that they be able to return the favor next year.

Now, to top their list of how to rob students of good campus life, the administration has taken the spirit out of Junior Ring Week.

Caroline S. Wallinger

Draining the fountain is simply the act of a spoil sport, and that surprises me as I remember reading in The Bulletin just last year that when the Jepson fountain was constructed, President Bill Anderson asked the architects how many students could fit in it. This is the same President Anderson who once said that carving names in the back of the GW clock was a good and fun tradition as well. Where is his sense of humor now?

On a final note, I appeal to the administration, with perhaps an incentive to keep Junior Ring Week alive. If the fountain were full, there's a good chance I would be in it right now, which would mean that I would not have the time or the impetus to write this letter to the editor.

Maybe Junior Ring Week should be a year long event. Then I would be so busy dodging the pranksters that I wouldn't be able to pass any annoying petitions around either. Intriguing proposal, huh?

Caroline S. Wallinger is a junior.

New Marathon Sport Not Something To Sleep On

RYAN SMITH
Guest Columnist

I, like most humans, dogs and common sea donkeys, love sleep. I'm very good at sleeping—falling asleep, staying asleep, the whole deal. Sleep is a great part of my life, and I treat each slumber as a sacred event. My friend Jeff is also quite a good sleeper, and we often debate as to whom sleeps better.

Besides sleep, we also argue consistently about sports, and we spend most of our more sober moments immersed in various poorly performed athletic and intellectual activities. One particular evening, while discussing Wittgenstein over a game of backgammon, I had a significant revelation: "Jeff," I said. "You like to sleep, right?"

"Is the Pope Catholic?" he responded, laughing like it was the first time anyone had ever used that phrase.

"And you also like sports, am I right?" "Does James Brown get down?" he asked cryptically.

"Well, how about combining both things into one?" I asked.

Silence. Jeff suddenly smiled widely. "You really think James Brown should be the next Pope?" he asked excitedly.

"No Jeff," I said, though the idea was intriguing. "I want to combine sleep and sports into one activity."

"That's amazing," Jeff said, and despite the fact that he was talking about a recently ignited beer, I felt that I was truly onto something here.

Anyway, from this exchange developed the basis for Marathon Team Sleeping, the sport sweeping bedrooms and nursing homes across the nation. Now, I realize there are some skeptics out there thinking, "Sleeping as a sport? That's almost as absurd as tee-ball." Nevertheless, I feel that the sporting world needs to reconnect with the common man.

I gallantly propose Team Sleeping. To prepare for an inevitable explosion in the sport's popularity, I developed a few Marathon Team Sleeping rules: First, drugs, such as Nyquil and beer are unacceptable based upon their performance enhancing capabilities. Teams must also use some sort of pajama-related uniform. Teams will lie down at a designated time, and each score combines the total number of hours slept by each team member (time spent tossing and turning does not count). Teams consist of five members and a coach, and in preparation for international competition, I compiled a virtual "Dream Team" I give you America's first Marathon Sleeping Team.

Me (captain), my friend Jeff, my roommate Jon, my other roommate Pete, Keith Richards and the coach: Al Gore. I believe that such a team could easily roll across the competition. America's advanced mattress systems offer impeccable performance features. Following extensive training, Marathon Team Sleeping could maintain enough momentum for serious Olympic consideration.

Commentator: Marv Albert: "Welcome, Ladies and Gentlemen to the 2014 Olympics here in Lake Placid. It's been a wild few days here. Let's take you directly to the Lake Placid Holiday Inn for the Marathon Sleeping Finals."

Voice of an old, very tired Bob Costas: "Thank you, Marv. It's been a tremendous week here. The U.S. team now leads by 26 hours in the week-long competition. Led by captain Ryan "Controlable Coma" Smith, the Americans have simply dominated. U.S. teammate Keith Richards fell asleep Monday and has not moved since. Following an early disqualification, in which it was revealed that the Chinese team consisted entirely of corpses, the competition heated up. The newly reunited Soviet Union offered an early

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Cartoon by Jen McLaughlin

Letters to the Editor

Quit Whining And Get Involved

Editor:

Why is it that every Mary Washington College student must participate in screwing in a light bulb just to be entertained over the weekend? (Well, at least the student body that doesn't go home or to another school on the weekend gets to screw.)

Remember those countless nights you said "There is nothing to do here!", or how about all those times you heard the words "Attention all students!" on your voice mail and pressed three immediately or even hit delete when that weekly e-mail shows up in your mail box?

We feel that it is sad and generally disappointing that MWC students always are complaining about our social scene. Now true, we don't have raging frat parties or huge football teams, but honestly you can't tell us you didn't know

both those facts before you signed up to come here.

So what is there to do? Well, we wanted a late night eatery, and the Back Room shows up. While the food is only a slight step up from Eagles Nest, it is open late and serves food; however, go into the Back Room any night and you'll find that no one is there. Or take our oh so dull campus center, now we have a game room and Internet connections in the Wash Room. Still the only people ever in there are just eating lunch due to an overcrowded Nest.

There are movies at Dodd Auditorium and a foreign film series and no one shows up. There is a wealth of lectures monthly on campus, and while it might not be in your academic interest you can rest assured that if the college invites some one to speak here they are at least somewhat interesting. But still, no one shows up. Are we seeing a trend yet?

We complain about things, and when the school, campus clubs, or our student

government try to meet our demands no one bothers even coming out. So we ask, what's the point in having our demands listened to and met? Why should these groups continue working hard if all they are going to get is more and more hassle from us?

Get involved in a club, go to some lecture or film series (even if you think you're not interested). We'll make it easy for you: there is a long list of activities occurring during women's history month; pick one out and just go.

Now we know you can't get your drink or your groove on, but at least you're involved and then have a right to complain. Don't graduate from Mary Washington College with a degree in whining, because you'll end up being the one who's screwed.

Jake Shaffer and Erika Havasy, juniors
Monica Agudelo, senior

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FAST FACT:

Breathing for most snakes is accomplished with one lung only. The left lung is either greatly reduced in size or missing.

thumbs



to junior ring dance



to professors who don't hold classes outside



to condiments in squeeze bottles



to the drive-in movie being held inside



to a news editor who couldn't run fast enough...



to the smell he left behind

in the stars

Aquarius - Someone may feel obligated to step in and give you their two cents, even if you did not ask for it. Be sure you don't blow this information off.

Pisces - It may be time for you to finally apply the knowledge that you have accumulated and come to recognize as truth.

Aries - When it comes to issues of requiring real thinking, be careful of letting someone else take control.

Taurus - There is likely to be a powerful force working that is trying to manipulate the way you think about a certain situation.

Gemini - Make sure you don't second-guess yourself. It could be that you are wavering so much about a decision that even after you make it, you are hesitant about following through with it.

Cancer - Other people may try to wield their power even when it is not necessarily in their place to do so.

Leo - Once your brain gets hooked on something, you are likely to take it to the extreme. Be careful of getting yourself overworked.

Virgo - Your brain is likely to be working overtime. Things may have been going along just fine, but suddenly you have run into an unexpected snag. Perhaps it is time to give yourself a break.

Libra - Try not to get too wrapped up in the mental side of things. Perhaps you are trying to work everything through in your mind.

Scorpio - It is quite possible that you have been so emotional about a certain issue that you have taken it way too far. Give your brain a chance to help sort things out.

Sagittarius - You may be experiencing a transformation in your thinking, which is bound to affect pretty much every aspect of your life.

Capricorn - You may be overwhelmed by an onslaught of communication from someone whom you didn't necessarily expect to hear from. It is important that you take an adaptive attitude.

'Reddi,' Set... Nevermind

Junior Ring Week Off To Slow Start

By KIM WHITE
Assistant Features Editor

There are two reasons to live on the fountain-facing side of Willard Hall. The first is that on rainy days when everyone is getting soaked at the fountain waiting for people to gather for meals, I can just wait at my window and run down when I see them. The second reason, and perhaps the most important, is to experience Junior Ring Week from the comforts of my room.

Last year, when I was a junior, I was able to watch the events at the fountain safely from behind my locked door. This year, however, as I sit in my room and stare out the window, I saw no duct tape, no piles of eggs and messy food products, and no juniors in the fountain.

Actually, all I saw was an empty fountain, and a seemingly empty ring week. There weren't even any cars parked in Ball Circle or at the fountain. My disappointment mounted as Monday rolled into Tuesday. By Tuesday night when the drive-in movie had to be moved inside due to the cold, I was pretty frustrated with Junior Ring Week as a whole.

I whined and I fussed and I claimed that our greatest tradition was dying until I woke up Wednesday morning too--finally--some commotion at the fountain.

Junior Ring Week, a long standing Mary Washington College tradition that began as a way to honor juniors on the week they

receive their class rings, has in more recent years turned into a week of pranks and jokes at the expense of the junior class.

Cedric Rucker, dean of student life, is on the Junior Ring Week task force and has served on it in previous years.

"The efforts of each task force have been to focus on Junior Ring Week, to maintain the traditions and make sure that it is safe for students," Rucker said.

He commented on the slow start to the week.

"From what I have observed and comments I've got, students think it has been a lot calmer this year," he said.

Though tamer than previous ring weeks, the fun hasn't ceased. For instance, today at lunch I witnessed several pranks.

While standing in the pasta line my attention was captured by a student wearing an old-fashioned gown and an excessively large sombrero.

Junior Cheryl Stamler told me the story of her "new clothes." She went downstairs Tuesday night because she heard that a friend needed to talk to her.

"When I got down there, my friends locked me in the bathroom and stole my keys," she said. "They went into my room and took every piece of clothing that I own. They left me with only mismatched pairs of shoes and gave me a sign that reads, 'I'm not a junior, this is just a statement' and they left me with two horrible dresses and a bathing suit."

"I am enjoying the week for the most part," Stamler said. "It is fun so far, but you definitely have to get used to people staring at you."

After listening to Stamler's Junior Ring Week story, I tried to return to my own lunch table but was stopped short, for a crowd of students was blocking the doors to the South Room. Four juniors wearing togas, bedroom slippers and Krispy Kreme doughnut hats were serenading the lunchroom with a disturbingly off-pitch chorus of "Brown-eyed Girl."

But not all junior pranks happen during the daylight hours. Junior Janet Inman said she and other newly elected SGA cabinet members were "gotten" in the evening by other members of the SGA.

"Four of us were duct-taped together and to a bench out in front of Lee Hall," said Inman, who was recently elected president of the Commuting Student Association. "We had every food condiment known to man dumped on us. My brushes and clothes still smell of teriyaki sauce and garlic butter, which I will never be able to eat again."

"I haven't really noticed how much or how



Amanda Tillman/Bulletin

Juniors Janet Inman (left) and Kristy Bartle were doused in ketchup, oatmeal, teriyaki and other messy food products by SGA pranksters.

little has been going on, and it's a lot of fun bantering the sophomores because you know that you will be able to get them again next year."

Inman said she has been looking forward to her Junior Ring Week since before she came to school here.

"When I came to MWC on a tour, they told us about Junior Ring Week, I thought that a school with such a cool tradition must be a fun place to be," she said. "I have been preparing myself for this week for three years."

Tami Goodstein, director of student activities, is experiencing Junior Ring Week for the first time.

A week before it began, she said, "There is a part of me that is looking forward to experiencing Junior Ring Week because I have heard so much about it, but after hearing the stories, there is also concern."

She expressed concern about the negative

role that the week could potentially play.

"The big question for me is that if the mission is to honor juniors and I hear students concerned for their emotional and physical well-being, then what are we doing?" she said.

Goodstein worked with the task force and the Class Council to warn students about the dangers of unsafe pranks. They made flyers reminding students about food allergies and the damage soda can cause to a car's exterior.

Despite the seemingly slow start, students got back into the Junior Ring Week spirit by Wednesday afternoon. Buildings were once again surrounded by students waiting to get their friends coming out of classes and several lamp posts were decorated in duct tape and ice cream toppings.

Although I'm disappointed that I haven't seen as many pranks from my Willard Hall window this year, at least I did get to see scared juniors running across campus and were serenaded in Seacobeck.



Juliette Gomez/Bulletin

Mark Kazmier (left) and Elena Rousseau serenade Seacobeck.

Blowin' In The Wind

By LAUREN LEGARD
Staff Writer

On Sunday afternoons, the Lee Hall Ballroom bustles with activity. It is not another tour group waiting to find out about Mary Washington College, or a group of students setting up for a formal dance. Rather, it is the Mary Washington College

Eagle pipe band conducting its weekly practice.

The college's pipe band was started by Raymond Scott, professor of chemistry and director and pipe major of the band. He was once a member of the City of Washington Pipe Band in Washington, D.C.

When the band needed to earn money for a trip to Scotland, Scott asked Phil Hall, vice president of academic affairs and dean of faculty, if they could play at the college's 1993 graduation. He agreed, and they continued to play at graduation for the next three years.

"President Anderson liked it so much that he decided to adopt the band," Scott said. "By September 1997 we had 25 people, and by October 1997 it had grown to 30 people, with lots of new trainees."

The band is comprised of students, community members, and alumni.

It is divided up into drummers, pipers, and dancers. Each section has its own leader responsible for training new members. There are currently 15 musicians and 12 dancers, including several trainees who are not yet ready for performance. Some of the dancers in the group are children as young as four or five.

For \$60, a new trainee is given 10 lessons and a t-shirt. "[The fee] is our way of weeding [people] out and seeing who's really serious," Scott said. "After [the initial fee], the lessons are free. We look for people who are interested. If they're interested, we give them an opportunity to learn."

Senior drummer Tammie Willis said she felt welcome in the band from the beginning.

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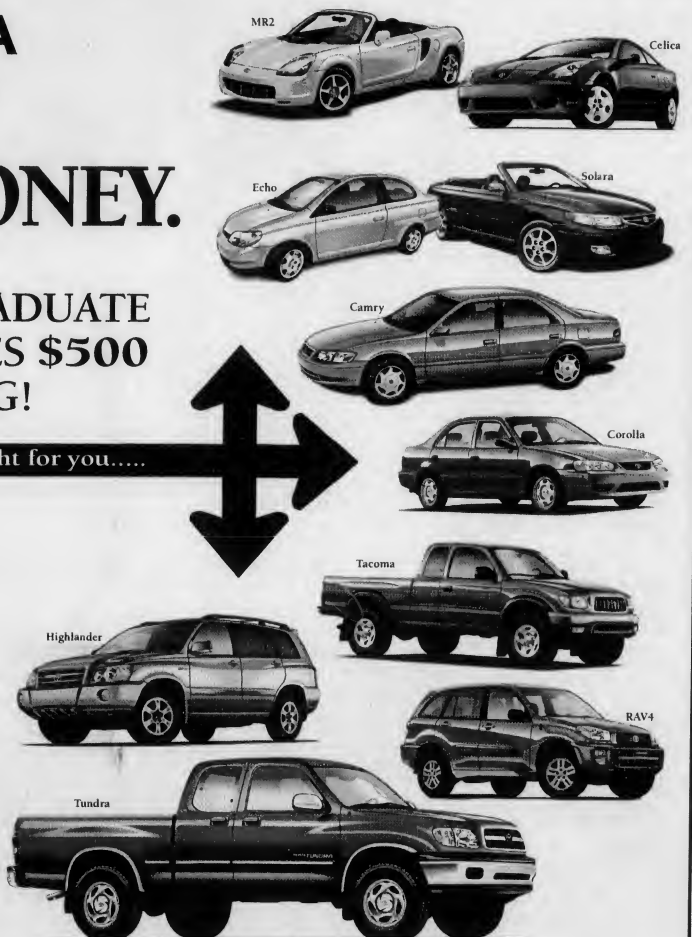
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in the stars

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Pisces - It may be time for you to finally apply the knowledge that you have accumulated and come to recognize as truth.

Aries - When it comes to issues of requiring real thinking, be careful of letting someone else take control.

Taurus - There is likely to be a powerful force working that is trying to manipulate the way you think about a certain situation.

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Cancer - Other people may try to wield their power even when it is not necessary in their place to do so.

Leo - Once your brain gets hooked on something, you are likely to take it to the extreme. Be careful of getting yourself overworked.

Virgo - Your brain is likely to be working overtime. Things may have been going along just fine, but suddenly you have run into an unexpected snag. Perhaps it is time to give yourself a break.

Libra - Try not to get too wrapped up in the mental side of things. Perhaps you are trying to work everything through in your mind.

Scorpio - It is quite possible that you have been so emotional about a certain issue that you have taken it way too far. Give your brain a chance to help sort things out.

Sagittarius - You may be experiencing a transformation in your thinking, which is bound to affect pretty much every aspect of your life.

Capricorn - You may be overwhelmed by an onslaught of communication from someone whom you didn't necessarily expect to hear from. It is important that you take an adaptive attitude.

'Reddi,' Set... Nevermind

Junior Ring Week Off To Slow Start

By KIM WHITE
Assistant Features Editor

There are two reasons to live on the fountain-facing side of Willard Hall. The first is that on rainy days when everyone is getting soaked at the fountain waiting for people to gather for meals, I can just wait at my window and run down when I see them. The second reason, and perhaps the most important, is to experience Junior Ring Week from the comforts of my room.

Last year, when I was a junior, I was able to watch the events at the fountain safely from behind my locked door. This year, however, as I sit in my room and stare out the window, I saw no duct tape, no piles of eggs and messy food products, and no juniors in the fountain.

Actually, all I saw was an empty fountain, and a seemingly empty ring week. There weren't even any cars parked in Ball Circle or at the fountain. My disappointment mounted as Monday rolled into Tuesday. By Tuesday night when the drive-in movie had to be moved inside due to the cold, I was pretty frustrated with Junior Ring Week as a whole.

I whined and I fussed and I claimed that our greatest tradition was dying until I woke up Wednesday morning to--finally--some commotion at the fountain.

Junior Ring Week, a long standing Mary Washington College tradition that began as a way to honor juniors on the week they

receive their class rings, has in more recent years turned into a week of pranks and jokes at the expense of the junior class.

Cedric Rucker, dean of student life, is on the Junior Ring Week task force and has served on it in previous years.

"The efforts of each task force have been to focus on Junior Ring Week, to maintain the traditions and make sure that it is safe for students," Rucker said.

He commented on the slow start to the week.

"From what I have observed and comments I've got, students think it has been a lot calmer this year," he said.

Though tamer than previous ring weeks, the fun hasn't ceased. For instance, today at lunch I witnessed several pranks.

While standing in the pasta line my attention was captured by a student wearing an old fashioned gown and an excessively large sombrero.

Junior Cheryl Stamler told me the story of her "new clothes." She went downstairs Tuesday night because she heard that a friend needed to talk to her.

"When I got down there, my friends locked me in the bathroom and stole my keys," she said. "They went into my room and took every piece of clothing that I own. They left me with only mismatched pairs of shoes and gave me a sign that reads, 'I'm not a junior, this is just a statement' and they left me with two horrible dresses and a bathing suit."

"I am enjoying the week for the most part," Stamler said. "It is fun so far, but you definitely have to get used to people staring at you."

After listening to Stamler's Junior Ring Week story, I tried to return to my own lunch table but was stopped short, for a crowd of students was blocking the doors to the South Room. Four juniors wearing togas, bedroom slippers and Krispy Kreme doughnut hats were serenading the lunchroom with a disturbingly off-pitch chorus of "Brown-eyed Girl."

But not all junior pranks happen during the daylight hours. Junior Janet Inman said she and other newly elected SGA cabinet members were "gotten" in the evening by other members of the SGA.

"Four of us were duct-taped together and to a bench out in front of Lee Hall," said Inman, who was recently elected president of the Commuting Student Association. "We had every food condiment known to man dumped on us. My brushes and clothes still smell of teriyaki sauce and garlic butter, which I will never be able to eat again."

"I haven't really noticed how much or how

Juniors Janet Inman (left) and Kristy Bartle were doused in ketchup, oatmeal, teriyaki and other messy food products by SGA pranksters.

little has been going on, and it's a lot of fun bantering the sophomores because you know that you will be able to get them again next year."

Inman said she has been looking forward to her Junior Ring Week since before she came to school here.

"When I came to MWC on a tour, they told us about Junior Ring Week, I thought that a school with such a cool tradition must be a fun place to be," she said. "I have been preparing myself for this week for three years."

Tami Goodstein, director of student activities, is experiencing Junior Ring Week for the first time.

A week before it began, she said, "There is a part of me that is looking forward to experiencing Junior Ring Week because I have heard so much about it, but after hearing the stories, there is also concern."

She expressed concern about the negative

role that the week could potentially play.

"The big question for me is that if the mission is to honor juniors and I hear students concerned for their emotional and physical well-being, then what are we doing?" she said.

Goodstein worked with the task force and the Class Council to warn students about the dangers of unsafe pranks. They made flyers reminding students about food allergies and the damage soda can cause to a car's exterior.

Despite the seemingly slow start, spirit got back into the Junior Ring Week spirit by Wednesday afternoon. Buildings were once again surrounded by students waiting to get their friends coming out of classes and several lamp posts were decorated in duct tape and ice cream toppings.

"Although I'm disappointed that I haven't seen as many pranks from my Willard Hall window this year, at least I did get to see scared juniors running across campus and was serenaded in Seacobeck."



Juliette Gomez/Bullet

Mark Kazmier (left) and Elena Rousseau serenade Seacobeck.

Blowin' In The Wind

By LAUREN LEGARD
Staff Writer

On Sunday afternoons, the Lee Hall Ballroom bustles with activity. It is not another tour group waiting to find out about Mary Washington College, or a group of students setting up for a formal dance. Rather, it is the Mary Washington College

Eagle pipe band conducting its weekly practice.

The college's pipe band was started by Raymond Scott, professor of chemistry and director and pipe major of the band. He was once a member of the City of Washington Pipe Band in Washington, D.C.

When the band needed to earn money for a trip to

Scotland, Scott asked Phil Hall, vice president of academic affairs and dean of faculty, if they could play at the college's 1993 graduation. He agreed, and they continued to play at graduation for the next three years.

"President Anderson liked it so much that he decided to adopt the band," Scott said. "By September 1997 we had 25 people, and by October 1997 it had grown to 30 people, with lots of new trainees."

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Men's Lacrosse

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April 8: at Rowan University

Softball

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March 17: MWC 6 Catholic 4
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Men's Lacrosse

March 14: MWC 11 Rand. Macon 15
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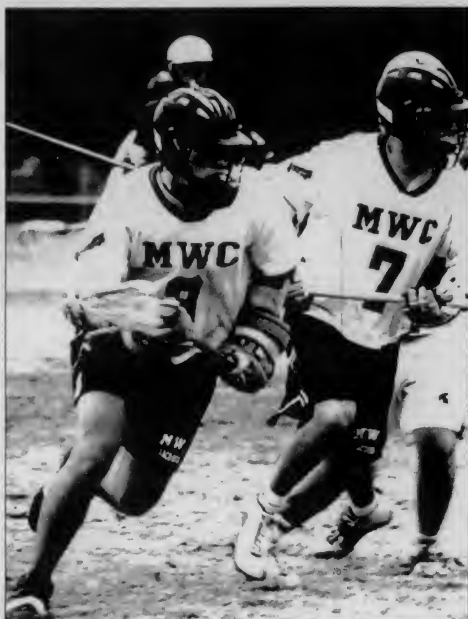
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athlete of the week

Mark H. Rodeffer

This Bulletin editor-in-chief has mastered the fine and noble arts of tennis and badminton in his noon P.E. class.



Amanda Trilman/Bullet

Midfielders Brian Marsh and Paul Schutzman move downfield.

Motherly Attitude

Men's Club Rugby Team Births A Win Streak

By RYAN FINDLEY
Special to The Bulletin

So far this season, the Mary Washington Mothers Rugby Club team has been kicking butt and taking names.

The team is 5-1 this semester and has made major improvements since last fall's mediocre finish. The team kicked off its season at Mount St. Mary's with a disappointing 24-22 loss in the final minutes of the game. Despite playing well and having a great single effort from Jeff Frankston who had two tries in the game the Mothers could only watch as the game slipped away from them in the last few minutes.

The team rebounded and went on to win the Division II St. Patrick's Day Rugby Tournament in Manassas. The team went 2-0 on Saturday beating Grove City, Pa. 19-7 and shutting out Indiana University of Pennsylvania 13-0.

"We played some really good rugby,"

backs coach Billy Driscoll said. "We got ahead in each match, then maintained our offensive momentum with good ball control and tough defense."

"Our forwards played to win, they took nearly all of the scrums and got around the field well," forwards coach Ken Lynch added.

The Mothers met arch nemesis Virginia Tech in the semifinals and won 16-7 to set up the final against the long-time foe, Georgetown Hoyas. The Hoyas went scoreless except for a last minute try to make the final score 13-5 in favor of the Mary Washington Mothers.

Jeff Kline, the head coach of the Mothers is pleased with the level of play he sees and the team's rebound from its first loss.

"This was really important for us—to win four times in two days. Our players

are still quite young, but they know what it takes to win and are confident that they can," Kline said.

Captain Jeff Hoffman had three tries and played great defensively leading the team to its first tournament win in five years. Senior stand-out James Lewis led the Mothers in scoring with 31 points in penalty kicks and conversions. Ben Johnson, Nate Myers, and newcomer Tony Lunger all had tries to help the club improve to a 4-0 record for the weekend.

According to Rick Bradley, a MWC rugby fan, the team's performance in recent tournaments is impressive.

"It was the best weekend of rugby I've seen the guys ever play; they were in charge the whole way," Bradley said.

The Mothers followed up their first place finish in the St. Patrick's Day tournament with a huge 58-22 win last weekend against

American University. The Mothers back line sliced through American's porous defense like it was butter, finding hole after hole and scoring try after try. James Lewis led all scorers with two tries and 13 points in kicking. Ryan Findley led the forwards with one try and an assist. Kevin Bradley, Jeff Hoffman, Mike Briscoe, Earl Smith, Andrew Bennett and Dan Leckburg all had tries helping to give the Mothers their 5th win in the last two weeks.

"We're looking for another big win this weekend to help build momentum for the Cherry Blossom tournament the following weekend on the Mall in D.C.," said Richard Warner, the team's faculty adviser. "We are playing great rugby and I think we can turn some heads up at the Cherry Blossom Tournament this year."

The Mothers will play this Saturday at the Battlefield against a Loyola team.



Courtesy of Bryan Johnson

The MWC men's rugby team battles to win a scrum.



Eagle Erich Hecke takes flight. Joel Nelson/Bullet

On The Right Track

By BRYAN JOHNSON
Staff Writer

On March 24, a gloomy, windy Saturday morning, the Mary Washington College men's and women's track teams hosted Lynchburg and Dickinson colleges. Both MWC teams defeated Dickinson, yet both were stung by Lynchburg.

The men's team fell just short, scoring 157 points to the Hornet's 163, and the women were defeated by a margin of 114-149. This is not

to say, however, that there was any lack of individual success for the Eagles.

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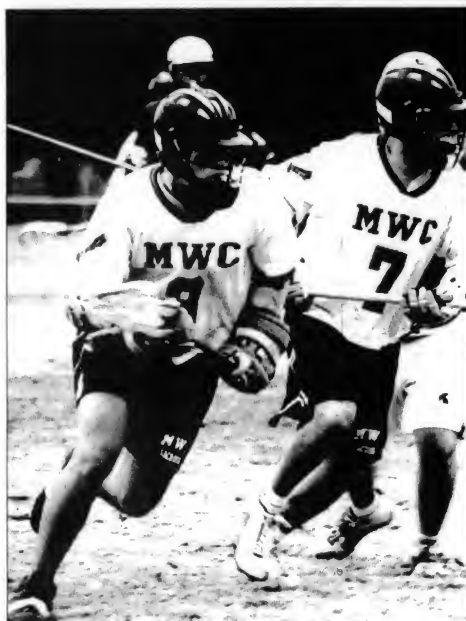
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Midfielders Brian Marsh and Paul Schutzman move downfield.

Motherly Attitude

Men's Club Rugby Team Births A Win Streak

By RYAN FINDLEY
Special to The Bulletin

So far this season, the Mary Washington Mothers Rugby Club team has been kicking butt and taking names.

The team is 5-1 this semester and has made major improvements since last fall's mediocre finish. The team kicked off its season at Mount St. Mary's with a disappointing 24-22 loss in the final minutes of the game. Despite playing well and having a great single effort from Jeff Frankston who had two tries in the game the Mothers could only watch as the game slipped away from them in the last few minutes.

The team rebounded and went on to win the Division II St. Patrick's Day Rugby Tournament in Manassas. The team went 2-0 on Saturday beating Grove City, Pa. 19-7 and shutting out Indiana University of Pennsylvania 13-0.

"We played some really good rugby,"

backs coach Billy Driscoll said. "We got ahead in each match, then maintained our offensive momentum with good ball control and tough defense."

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The Mothers met arch nemesis Virginia Tech in the semifinals and won 16-7 to set up the final against the long-time foe, Georgetown. Hoyas. The Hoyas went scoreless except for a last minute try to make the final score 13-5 in favor of the Mary Washington Mothers.

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Captain Jeff Hoffman had three tries and played great defensively leading the team to its first tournament win in five years. Senior stand-out James Lewis led the Mothers in scoring with 31 points in penalty kicks and conversions. Ben Johnson, Nate Myers, and newcomer Tony Lunge had all had tries to help the club improve to a 4-0 record for the weekend.

According to Rick Bradley, a MWC rugby fan, the team's performance in recent tournaments is impressive.

"It was the best weekend of rugby I've seen the guys ever play; they were in charge the whole way," Bradley said.

The Mothers followed up their first place finish in the St. Patrick's Day tournament with a huge 58-22 win last weekend against

American University. The Mothers back line sliced through American's porous defense like it was butter, finding hole after hole and scoring try after try. James Lewis led all scorers with two tries and 13 points in kicking. Ryan Findley led the forwards with one try and an assist. Kevin Bradley, Jeff Hoffman, Mike Briscoe, Earl Smith, Andrew Bennett and Dan Leckbuch all had tries helping to give the Mothers their 5th win in the last two weeks.

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Courtesy of Bryan Johnson

The MWC men's rugby team battles to win a scrum.



Eagle Erich Hecke takes flight. Joel Nelson/Bullet

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Staff Writer.

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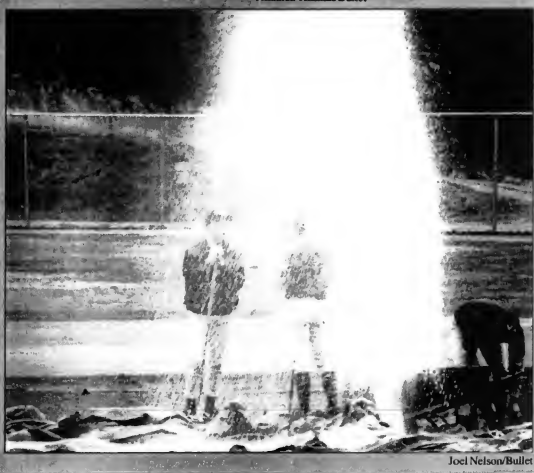
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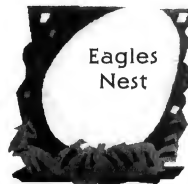
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Coming Soon:
"Someone Like You" starring Greg Kinnear and Ashley Judd. Rated PG-13. Opens March 30. source: <http://www.mrshowbiz.go.com>

quote of the week

"I'm an iconoclast or an asshole, whichever way you want to look at it. So I always wore flip-flops to graduation."

Steve Watkins



Photo courtesy of guerillagirls.com

Guerilla Girls Attack

Anonymous Activists Come To Campus To Reveal Discrimination In Art

By RUTH CASSELL
Scene Editor

You do not know the group of speakers coming to campus Thursday March, 29. You will not know who they are when they get here and you will still not know who they are when they leave.

Hopefully, when the Guerilla Girls finish their performance you will have an idea of what they stand for and why they wear gorilla masks and use pseudonyms of dead women artists to remain anonymous.

In an interview available at guerillagirls.com, the women discuss their forum, which includes highlighting the sexism and racism in the art world. Since 1985, the Guerilla Girls have published a collection of posters, billboards, signs and magazine projects that bluntly state the facts of discrimination in the arts.

"The art world is a very small place. Of course, we were afraid that if we blew the whistle on some of its most powerful people,

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The Guerilla Girls also use humor to point out facts that indicate the presence of sexism and racism, not only in the art world but also in Hollywood and the culture at large.

One popular poster reads: "The advantages of being a woman artist: working without the pressure of success, having an escape from the art world in your four free-lance jobs, being assured that

whatever art you make will be labeled 'feminine.'"

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Reviews: Good Music, Bad Game

Not Yet 'Closing Time' For Semisonic

By JULIA STAVITSKI
Assistant Scene Editor

The hit "Closing Time" catapulted indie-rock group Semisonic into the pop spotlight. Now the Minneapolis-based trio is back with its third release, "All About Chemistry," which the group produced on its own.

Their second release, "Feeling Strangely Fine," sold over two million albums with the help of "Closing Time's" infiltration of the radio waves. The song was nominated for a Grammy.

I was so enamored with that album that I used the line from "Closing Time," "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end," as one of my yearbook quotes my senior year of high school. I thought I was so clever, until I saw that two other people had used that quote. So much for my brilliance.

The other singles from "Feeling Strangely Fine" didn't seem to have the same staying power as the first. MTV even featured Semisonic in a one-bit wonders special, assuming that the group's 15 minutes of fame had run out.

But "All About Chemistry" proves the band will be sticking around for a while.

"Chemistry," the first single released from the album, contains many of the same elements that made "Closing Time" a hit. Driving guitar riffs, a steady bass line and frontman Dan Wilson's lyrics seem to be the formula for Semisonic's musical ingenuity. And by comparing failed attempts at love to chemistry experiments, they've put a new and interesting twist on a bad love cliché.

"All About Chemistry" contains one prominent theme—love will always prevail. However, one other very prominent sub-theme runs throughout: love will prevail, but let's not forget that sex can be a great part of love. This is evident in numerous songs on the disc.

Wilson's lyrics in "Bad" describe the

feelings of a guy afraid of ruining his friendship with a woman he lusts after. "Well show me a friendship that's pure and chaste and I'll show you an engine that's dying to race...I know we could be the sweetest friends but if that's where it ends then I'll find someone else to bed."

In an interview with Rolling Stone magazine, Wilson described the plot for the song as a common situation in human nature.

"Because everybody's been there, where it's like, 'What do you mean you don't want to ruin the friendship? If I'm attracted to you and this is good, it could be even better, right?' And the other person goes, 'No it's perfect the way it is!'" Wilson said.

"One True Love" is one of my personal favorites on the album. The band collaborates with folk singer-songwriter Carole King ("Tapestry"), whom Wilson describes as a musical goddess. The song is a beautiful, sincere description of what most people are looking for in life.

I have one complaint. I could barely hear King's voice in the song. The first time I listened to the CD, I had to search for the liner notes to figure out which song King worked on. It's a great song; I only wish the band let King do more than piano and backing vocals.

Semisonic's talent for describing the dizzying highs and aching lows of life and love in inspired melodies and thoughtful lyrics make this group an alternative gem in this age of cavity-stricken bubblegum pop.



Photo Courtesy of Semisonic

L to R: Jake Slichter, drums; Dan Wilson, lead vocals and guitar; John Munson, bass.

Video Game Gives Avid Fan A Bad Day

By TRAVIS MORGAN
Webmaster

When I first learned over the summer that Nintendo, a company known mostly for family-oriented video games like Super Mario Brothers and Pokemon, was going to publish a game designed specifically for mature audiences, I knew I had to get the game.

On the Rareware Web site, the developer of the game, "Conker's Bad Fur Day," a not-so-mature video game.

So when "Bad Fur Day" was released on March 5, I hurried to Best Buy to buy a copy of the game for \$60. When I got home, I ripped it open, popped it in my Nintendo 64, and started playing.

Never before have I been so disappointed with a video game.

The game starts out promisingly enough. Conker, the cute little squirrel who is the game's main character, is drinking with some friends at a bar. After realizing it is last call, Conker says good-bye to his friends and attempts to leave.

But Conker quickly realizes that he may have had a bit too much to drink. Weaving back and forth, he staggers out of the bar, where he vomits on a scarecrow standing next to him. Conker wanders down the street, then sits down and passes out.

When Conker wakes up he is hung over and does not know exactly where he is. "I don't feel so good," he proclaims in a high-pitched British accent. Next, the player takes control of the game, and the boredom begins.

Don't get me wrong, the game has its good points. Some of the characters

in the game are hilarious. The game's grim reaper is only a foot tall and sounds like he's been sucking helium. He spends most of his time whining about how he hates cats because he is allergic to them and has to see each one nine times.

Not all of the jokes are funny. The game contains a lot of bad puns, such as dung beetles, bullies who fly around threatening to beat up everyone they see.

The gimmicky adult content isn't the only problem I had with the game. I was disappointed with everything from the play control to the graphics, areas where Rareware has shined in the past. The graphics were a little simplistic and had a dark tonality to at most parts. There were no dazzling effects with lighting, water or fire.

The sound effects were great though, with many amusing sounds. When Conker jumps or falls a long distance the game makes a boom, followed by a squishy splash sound, in addition to a lot of spoken dialogue. The music was annoying and hokey, but often fit the situation in which Conker put himself.

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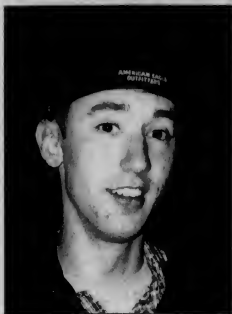
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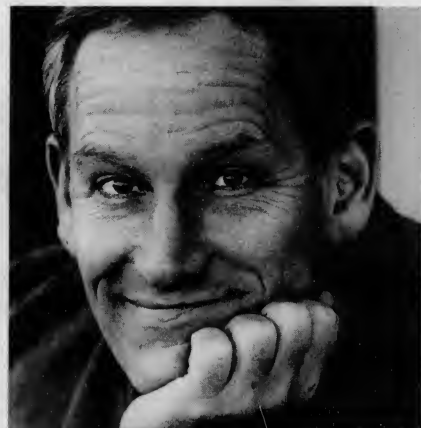
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quote of the week

"I'm an iconoclast or an asshole, whichever way you want to look at it. So I always wore flip-flops to graduation."

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Guerilla Girls Attack

Anonymous Activists Come To Campus To Reveal Discrimination In Art

By RUTH CASSELL
Scene Editor

You do not know the group of speakers coming to campus Thursday March, 29. You will not know who they are when they get here and you will still not know who they are when they leave.

Hopefully, when the Guerilla Girls finish their performance you will have an idea of what they stand for and why they wear gorilla masks and use pseudonyms of dead women artists to remain anonymous.

In an interview available at guerrillagirls.com, the women discuss their forum, which includes highlighting the sexism and racism in the art world. Since 1985, the Guerilla Girls have published a collection of posters, billboards, signs and magazine projects that bluntly state the facts of discrimination in the arts.

"The art world is a very small place. Of course, we were afraid that if we blew the whistle on some of its most powerful people,

we could kiss off our art careers," said GGI, a member of Guerilla Girls who chose not to don the name of a famous female artist.

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The Guerilla Girls also use humor to point out facts that indicate the presence of sexism and racism, not only in the art world but also in Hollywood and the culture at large.

One popular poster reads: "The advantages of being a woman artist: working without the pressure of success, having an escape from the art world in your four free-lance jobs, being assured that

whatever art you make will be labeled 'feminine.'"

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Reviews: Good Music, Bad Game

Not Yet 'Closing Time' For Semisonic

By JULIA STAVITSKI
Assistant Scene Editor

The hit "Closing Time" catapulted indie-rock group Semisonic into the pop spotlight. Now the Minneapolis-based trio is back with its third release, "All About Chemistry," which the group produced on its own.

Their second release, "Feeling Strangely Fine," sold over two million albums with the help of "Closing Time's" infiltration of the radio waves. The song was nominated for a Grammy.

I was so enamored with that album that I used the line from "Closing Time," "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end," as one of my yearbook quotes my senior year of high school. I thought I was so clever, until I saw that two other people had used that quote. So much for my brilliance.

The other singles from "Feeling Strangely Fine" didn't seem to have the same staying power as the first. MTV even featured Semisonic in a one-bit wonders special, assuming that the group's 15 minutes of fame had run out.

But "All About Chemistry" proves the band will be sticking around for a while.

"Chemistry," the first single released from the album, contains many of the same elements that made "Closing Time" a hit. Driving guitar riffs, a steady bass line and frontman Dan Wilson's lyrics seem to be the formula for Semisonic's musical ingenuity. And by comparing failed attempts at love to chemistry experiments, they've put a new and interesting twist on a bad love cliché.

"All About Chemistry" contains one prominent theme—love will always prevail. However, one other very prominent sub-theme runs throughout: love will prevail, but let's not forget that sex can be a great part of love. This is evident in numerous songs on the disc.

Wilson's lyrics in "Bed" describe the

feelings of a guy afraid of ruining his friendship with a woman he lusts after. "Well show me a friendship that's pure and chaste and I'll show you an engine that's dying to race...I know we could be the sweetest friends but if that's where it ends then I'll find someone else to bed."

In an interview with Rolling Stone magazine, Wilson described the plot for the song as a common situation in human nature.

"Because everybody's been there, where it's like, 'What do you mean you don't want to ruin the friendship? If I'm attracted to you and this is good, it could be even better, right?' And the other person goes, 'No it's perfect the way it is!'" Wilson said.

"One True Love" is one of my personal favorites on the album. The band collaborates with folk singer-songwriter Carole King ("Tapestry"), whom Wilson describes as a musical goddess. The song is a beautiful, sincere description of what most people are looking for in life.

I have one complaint. I could barely hear King's voice in the song. The first time I listened to the CD, I had to search for the liner notes to figure out which song King worked on. It's a great song; I only wish the band let King do more than piano and backing vocals.

Semisonic's talent for describing the dizzying highs and aching lows of life and love in inspired melodies and thoughtful lyrics make this group an alternative gem in this age of cavity-stricken bubblegum pop.



Photo Courtesy of Semisonic

L to R: Jake Slichter, drums; Dan Wilson, lead vocals and guitar; John Munson, bass.

Video Game Gives Avid Fan A Bad Day

By TRAVIS MORGAN
Webmaster

When I first learned over the summer that Nintendo, a company known mostly for family-oriented video games like Super Mario Brothers and Pokemon, was going to publish a game designed specifically for mature audiences, I knew I had to get the game.

On the Rareware Web site, the developer of the game, "Conker's Bad Fur Day," a not-so-mature video game.

So when "Bad Fur Day" was released on March 5, I hurried to Best Buy to buy a copy of the game for \$60. When I got home, I ripped it open, popped it in my Nintendo 64, and started playing.

Never before have I been so disappointed with a video game.

The game starts out promisingly enough. Conker, the cute little squirrel who is the game's main character, is drinking with some friends at a bar. After realizing it is last call, Conker says good-bye to his friends and attempts to leave.

But Conker quickly realizes that he may have had a bit too much to drink. Weaving back and forth, he staggers out of the bar, where he vomits on a scarecrow standing next to him. Conker wanders down the street, then sits down and passes out.

When Conker wakes up he is hung over and does not know exactly where he is. "I don't feel so good," he proclaims in a high-pitched British accent. Next, the player takes control of the game, and the boredom begins.

Don't get me wrong, the game has its good points. Some of the characters

in the game are hilarious. The game's grim reaper is only a foot tall and sounds like he's been sucking helium. He spends most of his time whining about how he hates cats because he is allergic to them and has to see each one nine times.

Not all of the jokes are funny. The game contains a lot of bad puns, such as dung beetles, bullies who fly around threatening to beat up everyone they see.

The gimmicky adult content isn't the only problem I had with the game. I was disappointed with everything from the play control to the graphics, areas where Rareware has shined in the past. The graphics were a little simplistic and had a dark tonality to at most parts. There were no dazzling effects with lighting, water or fire.

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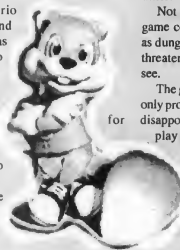


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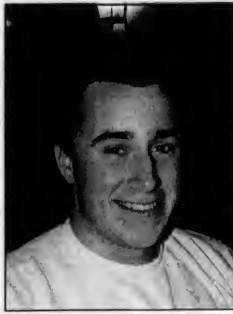
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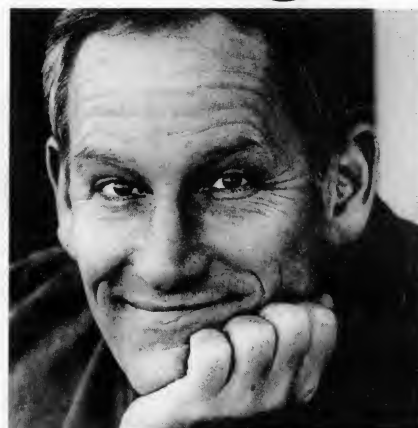
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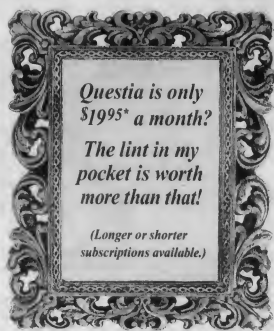
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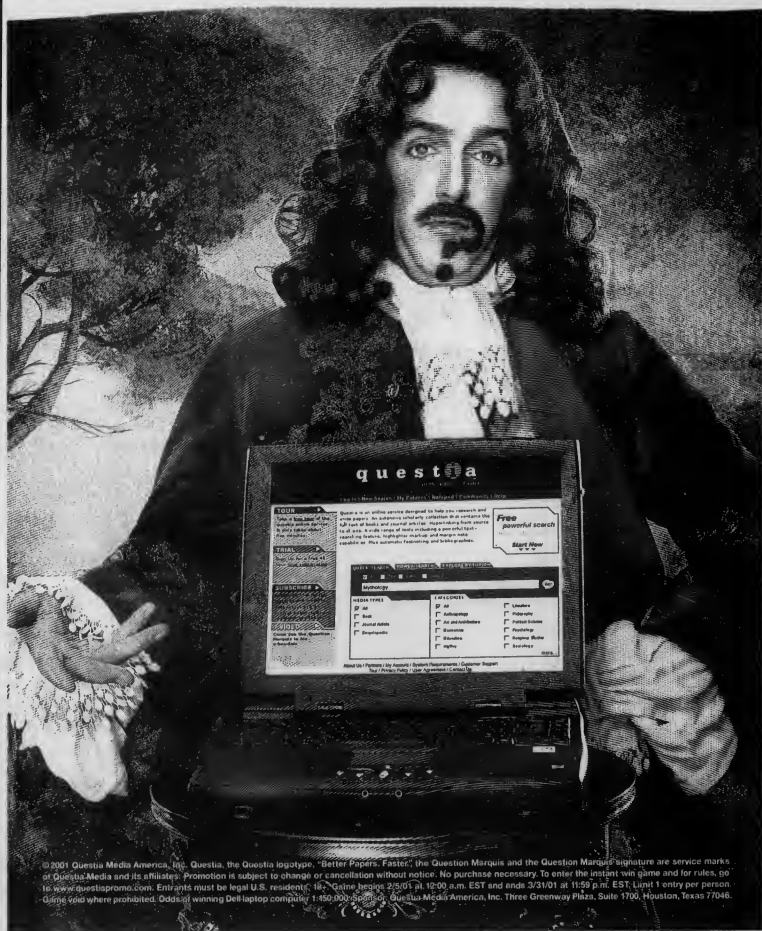
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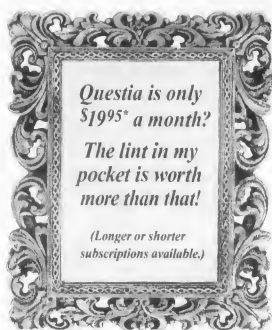
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Q: Dear Question Marquis: I've got a paper due on Diderot's political influence. I figured, "The Question Marquis is from the French Enlightenment – maybe he could give me some insight." So...any scoop? – Karen in Santa Monica

A: Yes. You are fortunate you asked. Diderot was an idiot. He had the political influence of my poodle's phlegm. Do you know, he had his Ds coming before his Cs in *l'Encyclopédie* before I straightened it out for him? If there were a French Enlightenment, you can be sure that Denis Diderot knew nothing about it. So you are best behooving to pick a new topic. Once you do, go to questia.com to search for an extensive collection of scholarly books and journal articles to reference in your paper. That should make up for some of the time you wasted thinking about Diderot. Time that you can use to improve the thoughts you will put into a new paper. So Questia will not only save you *beaucoup de* time, but it will also help you to write a better paper. And of course, my loyal readers (you feisty roustabouts, you!) will know that Questia also does your footnotes and bibliographies automatically, once you have finished your paper. You can part with a few francs for that, can you not?

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A: It is a shame that losing one's mind must inspire fear. It is really not so bad. I myself lost my mind several decades ago. I highly recommend it, in fact. The day you want to lose it, just put it under your pillow before you go to sleep, and that night, the Mind Fairy will come along and take it, leaving behind anywhere from 50 to 3,000 francs, depending on the quality of the gray matter. I got over 1,800 for mine. Yours, being an American mind, will naturally not command such a high price. But still, something is better than nothing.

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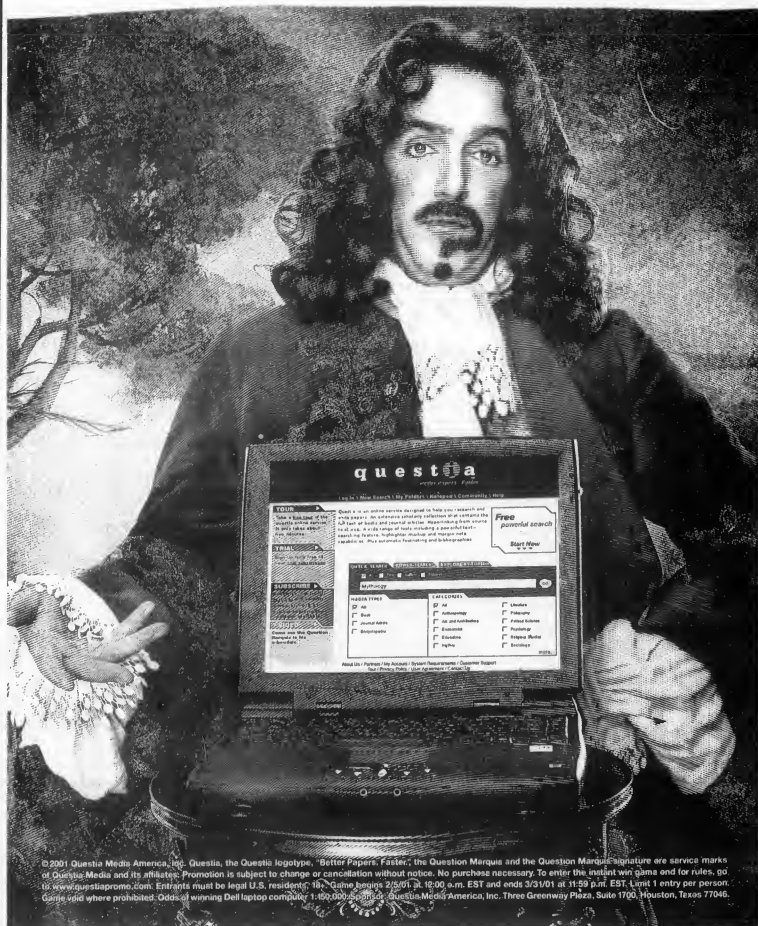
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City Honors Student Volunteers

By SUSIE WEBER
Staff Writer

For the first time ever, the student organization of Community Outreach and Resources (COAR) was recognized by the City of Fredericksburg for their efforts in volunteer services and contributions within the community.

On Feb. 28, six student staff members of COAR accepted a plaque that was presented by the Fredericksburg Mayor Bill Beck. The award was presented in recognition of the over 5000 hours that COAR logged in volunteer service to the community during the fall semester.

"Fredericksburg is a community with strong volunteers. It is good for the city to publicize the positive aspects of college students because they are really so large in comparison to the negative aspects," Beck said.

Seniors Jen Rice, Karol Kozak, Kelli Kramer, Katie MacPhail, junior Diane Bounds and sophomore Becky Gamon were the COAR members who accepted the award.

The award came following the actions of Legislative Action Committee members Katie Leesman and John Lydon. Lydon proposed the idea of recognizing COAR's efforts at a student government association meeting and he and Leesman put the idea into action.

"I thought it was ridiculous that COAR had never been recognized, especially by the city. They contribute so much to the community," Leesman, a freshman, said. "We should really do

the same with other volunteer groups."

Leesman composed a survey concerning the influence COAR has had on the different organizations with which it works. She then sent about 15 letters to those various organizations. Leesman received almost all of the responses within a week, all of which thanked COAR for its time and efforts.

Leesman took the letters to the Fredericksburg City Council and the council decided to design the plaque of achievement. Rice, the student director of COAR, said she is happy that the group was honored.

"It really meant so much to be recognized because many times college students can get the reputation of being lazy or not caring about their community, but that is not the case at all," she said.

Student volunteers work with COAR to help a variety of nonprofit services throughout the community. Volunteers work on everything from building houses for Habitat for Humanity, to serving as role models for at-risk youths in the Rappahannock Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

COAR has been directed by Lea Ziobro, the college's community services director, since July. COAR consists of six staff members, 25 council leaders and over 300 volunteers.

"It is amazing how selfless and giving the students are. They are really what make the organization so successful," Ziobro said. "We have the ability to help those who need it and the students just go out and do it, without any hesitation. This award was in honor of the many hours all the students have served, not just the staff."



Corey Byrnes/Bullet

Members of COAR with the award they received from the City of Fredericksburg.

Not Enough Candidates Run For JRB Elections

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receiving 100 of the 866 total votes.

Covitz said she is happy for Shim.

"He showed us not only once but twice that he wanted this position and the student body backed him up," Covitz said.

Current SGA President Kelly Turcic is glad that there was a second election to clear up any concerns that the student body may have had about the fairness of the first election.

"I feel that the students made a decision in the first election and they stood by their decision in the second election," Turcic, a senior, said. "The second election was a good idea because it removed any room for doubt anyone might have had."

Shim said he is glad that the election is over and is now looking toward his position for next year.

"For next year my big priority is getting more students involved in the SGA and getting them to know more about it because knowledge makes things a lot better," Shim said.

In Class Council elections, junior Joel Nelson, also a Bulletin photographer, was elected president and sophomore Paige Golden was elected vice president.

Senior Jen Amore, current executive president of Class Council said, "Over my two years being in charge of Class Council it has come to be an important part of my life, and I know that with Joel and Paige in charge it will continue to live up to the reputation that it has created for itself and it will surpass it."

The executive positions for secretary/treasurer and promotions director will be filled by freshman Matt Kapuscinski and junior Val Quattararo.

In the elections for Judicial Review Board, five members from each class are supposed to fill the board. However, there were not enough interested students to fill the positions for the classes of 2002 and 2003.

Junior Jen Chandler is the only member of the 2002 class that will fulfill

one of the five positions, until elections are held again for the other four positions in the spring. Three sophomores, Ashley McCoy, Stephanie Thomas and Jenny McMillan will be three of the five representing the class of 2003.

Junior Kelly Heroman, JRB president for next year, said she wishes that there was more interest from the two classes in fulfilling the positions. Heroman said that there will be elections in the fall to fill the positions, along with the elections for the incoming freshman class.

"I was disappointed by the low number of people running but I am looking forward to having more people run in the fall," Heroman said.

"Students stood by their decision in the second election."

Kelly Turcic

The five representatives for the class of 2004 will be Sarah Gordon, Michael Bernal, Eric Ramseur, Alexis Pappas and Jess Bielecki.

In the elections for Honor Council, four people were elected to represent each class. The senior representatives will be Lizzie Horn, Andrew Kohr, Lindsay

Vogler and Laura Kelaher. The junior representatives are John Hardin, Lindsay Moorehead, Crystal Small and Amanda Tillman and sophomore representatives are Mike Bernal, Erin Campbell, Brian Reagan and Sameer Vaswani.

Junior Andrew Painter will be serving as Honor Council president.

"I'm looking forward to working with this group and I think it is really going to be a good year because they all have experience and fresh ideas," Painter said. "I plan to continue the tradition of excellence set forth by my mentor Seth Kennard."

Freshman representatives will be elected in the fall.

The Association of Residence Halls held elections on Thursday as well. The position for vice president will be filled by sophomore Meagan Lindsay, freshman Rebecca Turnbull will be treasurer, and the secretary is freshman Kat Stangler. Rebecca Cole will be ARH president.

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